

NEW RAILROAD CASE INTERESTS THIS SECTION

Glen Rose Banker Arrested In Murder Case

Evidence Heard By Texas Commission Overwhelming Favors Outlet To Pt. Arthur

By B. F. STOLLENWERCK

When it is explained that the records in the case of the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine Railway case are very voluminous, and that they are developing a line of testimony that will likely consume ten days of the time of the Texas State Railroad Commission in hearing, it can be readily understood that the record is far too large to report on in any considerable detail, unless it were covered in just such a series of three or four articles, this one being the first.

In the first place there is no development in even remote prospect that is of such far reaching importance to the civic and commercial development of Mexico, and it is therefore apparent that every citizen who has the interest of the community at heart should at least study the proposition to the extent of familiarizing him or her with the salient facts. In arriving at complete understanding it is necessary to go into detail, but every effort will be made to avoid tiresome recounting of "dry" facts that are not pertinent.

The Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine Railway has lines extending from Trinity to Colmesneer, Texas and from Weldon to Livingston, Texas. Get a map of Texas and locate these two lines. The first mentioned line was for years a part of the M. K. & T. system, but in the re-organization recently was sold out by that system, was not included in the re-organization scheme, but was sold to Col. R. C. Duff and associates, and made a part of the W. B. T. & S.

The other line from Weldon to Livingston, via Trinity, was built as the Beaumont & Great Northern, and was an independent line and was built with the avowed intention of reaching from Beaumont to Waco. The road was built from Livingston to Weldon, but during the financial stringency in the war period, money was so tight that further construction Northwest of Weldon was temporarily abandoned, and that part has remained the property for several years. Recently Col. R. C. Duff and associates, purposed to buy the line, which had come into the control of the Katy, and merge it into the present system known as the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine, and the purchase was made with the avowed intention of getting from the water at Port Arthur to Waco. This consolidation of the two lines and the Texas Railroad Commission has some doubts as to the propriety of the purchase and consolidation, and had to have the approval of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

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convenience of the ICC. It may be thirty to ninety days and these cases have been known to take longer than six months.

The different phases of the case will be described under three heads, as follows: the next article will relate to the testimony as concerning Port Arthur as another port open to the commerce of Central and West Texas, the next as related to the probable development of that portion of Texas southeast of Mexia and finally to Mexia and Waco.

The present article will be concluded with the statement that Col. R. C. Duff, the present head of the W. B. T. & S. is a practicing attorney of considerable means and influence who has been a resident of Beaumont for many years, and is now living in Houston. No man in Texas stands higher with his home people and the company he represents is exceedingly fortunate in having him at the head of its affairs. He bears the reputation in Beaumont of being a lawyer who would not defend a criminal whom he knew to be guilty, and whose reputation in other respects conforms to that. The testimony as developed at Austin seems to the writer to be overwhelmingly in favor of the Applicant, and confidential information gathered there seemed exceedingly encouraging to Mexia's chances to secure the line. It will naturally take a year or two to work out all the proposition, but it will be worth many thousands of dollars to Mexia in the end.

ROBINSON SAYS COOLIDGE NOW IS COURTING DISASTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Coolidge is courting political ruin by keeping Daugherty in the cabinet. Senator Robinson of Arkansas, democratic floor leader, said in a Senate speech, Robinson's speech was delivered following a White House announcement that Coolidge had endorsed Daugherty as the Coolidge delegate from the Ohio national republican convention. This followed a defense of Daugherty by John T. Adams, chairman of the republican national committee. Assaults on Daugherty are conducted by "political blackguards and scandal mongers." "It must be clear to everybody," Robinson said, that as long as the president retains as an intimate political adviser a man who has lost his confidence and the confidence of the people, it is calculated to work out the political ruin for the executive. Impeachment proceedings against Daugherty was suggested by Senator Borah on the senate floor as the only way the investigation can go forward by impeachment said Borah.

THREE MEN DIE WHEN BOILER EXPLODES

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Feb. 23.—Three men were killed at Hominy, near here, late yesterday when a Katy switch engine exploded while enroute to the repair shop at Osage. The boiler of the locomotive was hauled a hundred feet and a short stretch of track torn up. Cause of the explosion was unknown, according to railroad officials. They are: W. H. FRENCH, engineer. G. T. PHIPPS, fireman. L. E. PARSONS.

All were from Parsons, Kansas. Mrs. T. A. Stewart of Austin is a charming guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ennis this week end.

'ROUND-THE-WORLD' AVIATORS PLAN FLIGHT.



The United States Army's "Round-the-world" fliers are shown in conference, in Washington, arranging the details of their epochal journey and receiving final instructions before setting out in the "Douglas Cruisers" to circumnavigate the globe. They are shown here, left to right, looking over the route: Lieutenant John Harding, Jr.; Lieutenant Erik H. Nelson, Lieutenant Howell Smith, Major Fred L. Martin, in command of the expedition; Lieutenant Leigh Wade, Lieutenant Leslie P. Arnold and Lieutenant Clair D. Schulze.

Blake Smith Honored By Friends And Business Associates On His 42nd Birthday Last Friday Night

NEW COURSE FITS BACHELORS FOR MARRIAGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—"Men, take a second look at that woman you marry her," advises Carroll M. Gibney, educational director of Central Y. M. C. A. Brooklyn.

Gibney, announcing a course to prepare bachelors for marriage, says DON'T: Marry for sex attraction alone. Fail to run your household on a budget system.

Expect your wife to conform to the "single standard" of morality if your own is double.

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Forty-two Club Entertained

Friday afternoon Mrs. T. K. Hughes entertained the forty-two club with a delightful party at her home on South McKinney Street. George Washington's birthday was carried out in the color scheme, and the decorations were cherry blossoms and cherry fruit in green settings. There were forty-nine guests present, and twelve tables of forty-two. The small cherry trees on each table and bud vases were given as prizes. The favors were exquisite confections of sweet peas and ferns.

A course consisting of nut salad, rolls, olives, pickles, and tea was served, followed by cream and cake, the latter carrying out the Washington motif in the continental buff and blue colors. The cream was molded in the shape of Washington's bust, and was buff in color, while the cake was blue.

Benton Jones left Friday for Moran where he is interested in oil field development.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wright of Denton are in the city visiting relatives.

Blake Smith is 42 years old. He has birthdays just like the rest of men. He was apprised Friday night that these were the facts in the case when about a score of his close friends gathered in his lovely home for one of the most unique affairs in which a citizen of any community, outside of political life, has ever figured and been honored.

They came from all walks of life and professions, old timers and new comers, to express by their presence and word and hand clasp and smile the joy that was theirs in paying a worthy honor to a plain, unpretentious, modest, unassuming, optimistic, generous hearted, honorable and successful business man, fellow citizen and true friend.

He began to "smell a mouse" about 6:00 o'clock when he received a telegram from his brother, Ben, at Dallas, expressing regret that he was unable to return in time for dinner and to enjoy the pleasures of the occasion.

He said that it was after dinner time then and he knew there must be something unusual or Ben would have never referred to a "Dinner" at supper time. E. L. Smith, however, passed it off lightly and sought to satisfy the nervous Blake.

Then the next thing he began to smell was such southern delectables, as fried chicken, and all the accompanying accessories, the odor of which he declared made sweet music in his nostrils as soon as he arrived at his home, after a day assisting E. L.

Mrs. Smith had been informed beforehand of the plans of the business associates and a few close personal friends of Blake and the house was filled in order, the feast prepared, and the success of the evening was due in no small degree to the direction and services of Mr. Smith's better half.

There was no mishap nor near mishap, whatever in the plans except that of Dr. Oates, which he claimed full responsibility for when he tried to rush things up a couple of days and have Blake's birthday on the twentieth instead of the twenty-second of Feb. His admittance into the Rusk street home Friday night met no obstacle. The handsomely appointed home beamed a welcome to the guests, every room of which was thrown open to them and which they explored freely throughout the evening.

At 7:30 the guests entered the dining room, where two decorated tables were soon lined with hungry appetites, Blake, as honoree of the occasion and host combined, was seated at the head of the table. On his right was the ever present E. L.

Grace was appropriately spoken by

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WALSH SEARCHES FOR FACTS IN SCANDAL

By PAUL R. MALLON
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—"Get facts that will make legal cases for prosecution."

This is the purpose of Senator Walsh, leading crusader in the naval oil reserve investigation as he completes today his program for next week's probings of the Teapot Dome committee.

Walsh, who has returned to Washington after a week's absence to study the scope of the inquiry, is bent upon getting the investigation out of the realm of gossip and fancy and return it once more into channels that will dig at the fundamentals of the scandal.

VANDERLIP SAYS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS FAILED

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Department of Justice itself now must be investigated, Frank A. Vanderlip told the Masonic Club at Ossining, continuing the campaign against corruption in the government. The machinery of justice has failed to bring forward for trial men whose guilt appears from prima facie evidence, he said.

SPENCER TO BE TRIED FOR SWINDLE

FT. WORTH, Feb. 23.—W. B. Spencer, charged with conspiring to defraud J. Frank Nordfleet, Hale Center farmer of \$45,000, will be tried in criminal district court here March 4. Spencer and three associates were accused jointly of the swindle.

WHITE BOYS ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER OF NEGRESS

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 23.—Two white youths are charged with murder in connection with the death of Druthella Robinson, 14, a negro girl struck on the head with a rock. A third suspect is sought by officers. The boys are charged with attacking the girl and her mother when they alighted from a street car with a volley of rocks.

Literary Club Gives Washington Program

The 7-A Literary club of McKinney Street Grammar School met in their English room February 21st and gave the following program in remembrance of Washington:

1. Sayings of Washington—Madie Mae Thornton, Tom Hanks, Janis Baird, Johnnie Cundiff, Onell McElanahan, Clyde Wesson, Joe Hathaway, Edward Hamm, Bowman Snider, Barker Puddy.
2. Tributes to Washington—Trudie Mackey, Irene Westmoreland, Bower Crider, Corne Stevens, Esther Earl Sharp.
3. Estimates of Washington—Ray Smith, Leona Gillen.
4. Incidents in Washington's Life—Barker Puddy, Bowman Snider, Wayne Land, Edward Hamm, Margaret Smith.

—Reporter.

OIL PROMOTER IS CONVICTED OF FRAUD

TEXARKANA, Texas, Feb. 23.—Reginald C. Houston, oil promoter, today faced three years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. He was sentenced in federal court here on 22 counts charging fraudulent sale of oil stocks. Another two-year sentence for conspiracy was made concurrent. He will leave soon for Leavenworth.

Petty Crimes Sweep City

A petty crime wave seems to be sweeping over the city in spite of the strenuous efforts of the officers to control it. They state that practically one day out of every week is consumed in tracing down thieves of small articles and administering justice to the offenders. These are mostly small children, both white and black, but often older persons are convicted. John Young, a negro man, was arrested on the charge of stealing a dress coat which he sold to a man here in town, and was placed in jail Saturday to await the action of the Grand Jury at Groesbeck.

JITNEY DRIVERS ARE HAPPY IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—The section of the highway law providing that automobiles used for hire shall pay, besides the regular registration fee, a tax of four dollars annually on each passenger carrying capacity, was held unconstitutional in Judge Watkins' district court.

Mrs. C. W. Crone returned Saturday from Corsicana and Dallas where she had been spending the week with relatives and friends.

Watson's Death Leads To The Arrest Of Seven

GLEN ROSE, Texas, Feb. 23.—J. A. Milam, president of the First National Bank, has been jailed in connection with the murder of Richard Watson. Milam is the seventh man to be charged in connection with the murder.

Watson, who was the state's chief witness in a number of cases against bootleggers, was shot down near the city square Thursday night.

Twenty bootleggers whom authorities suspected in connection with the killing were arrested. Of this number, seven formally charged with the murder.

They are: Dr. W. B. Pruitt, Murray West, Wilis West, Sonley West, brothers and Charles Moss and Grady Moss, brothers and J. A. Milam.

BLACK CATS WIN ONE OUT OF TWO FROM MARLIN

By NOODLES
The proteges of Ernest H. Poteet, high school mentor, were out for revenge Friday afternoon and night against the Marlin Hi Caters and they threw a fit into the Marlin aggregation during the first quarter of the afternoon by running up a score of 14 to 2 and for the first half the score stood 18 to 12. But during the second half their defense became weak and the Marlin aggregation won the first game by the score of 27 to 23.

The second game was one of the best games ever seen on the High School court and the Marlin team never had a look in the bucket except for a short time during the first half. The first half ended with the score standing 20 to 9 in favor of the Black Cats.

The whole Black Cat team played excellent ball during the whole fray. Treadway was the high point man for the locals with 13 counters, but Lucas came a close second with 10. Their passing was very good and Treadway shot goals from practically every angle on the court as did Lucas.

This concludes the basketball season for the Black Cats and Coach Poteet will start track and baseball with in the next week or two if the weather is permitting for outdoor work.

Young People Meet With Rev. And Mrs. Victor K. Aubrey

The Central Presbyterian Christian Endeavorers and their friends were entertained with a Washington's Birthday social, Thursday evening of February 21st, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. V. K. Aubrey. About thirty guests registered in the guest book, presided over by Mrs. R. E. Hickman. The house was decorated with hatches, cherries, and red and white carnations. Games and contests and music furnished the amusement. Miss Elise Gibson rendered several popular numbers on the piano. Mrs. V. K. Aubrey read by request. Sandwiches, ice cream and Washington Birthday cake were served. Mrs. R. E. Hickman assisted Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey in the entertaining.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS

Thursday afternoon the ladies of the Civic Club and the Friday Club met at the Public Library to consider plans for the beautifying of the Hughes City Park. Committees made their reports but on account of the condition of the weather no definite procedure could be decided upon.

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BANNERS OF DESTINY

When a group of school children marched down Commerce Street Thursday morning with their placards announcing the things that they stood for, we suddenly had a strange vision of that same red-blooded army in the years ahead, marching on with their placards still raised demanding as the citizens of Mexia, the health, the higher ideals, the patriotism that they had marched for on that cold February morning so long ago.

But will they carry the same placards, and will their dreams and hopes still be the same or will they be smirched and lowered by the years that have slipped in between? Will they have fallen out of the ranks, and drifted along the sidewalks, content with less than the best, and counting costs more than the results that wait for them at the end?

In a magnificent building on Red River Street, in a building on McKinney Street, and in another on Sumpter Street the future of this city is being molded. The lessons of leadership, the lessons of disciplinship, the lessons of citizenship, are being taught. The destiny of Mexia is in their hands, and the banners they are taught to bear now will be the banners that will wave over our city when they have come into full leadership.

These banners are not only being made in the schoolroom but there are others who are assisting in the task. The great printers who are designing and lettering them are the teachers, the parents, and all other beings with whom

they come in contact. Some of the plans will come from books left by great men, others will come from the trash that these young citizens pick up and read with zest, and most of them will come from the life that they come in direct contact with, and conditions as they are presented to them, by actual surroundings. Burbank has said, "If we paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds."

CITIZENSHIP

Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

THE GOLDEN RULE OF CITIZENSHIP

Americans are taught from their youth onwards, that competition is necessary to the health and progress of the nation, or as Herbert Spencer puts it, "Society flourishes by the antagonism of its atoms."

But the obvious golden rule is that co-operation is good and competition bad, and that national greatness is fostered and flourishes by the mutual aid of individual citizens. So well known is this principle that in all great military or commercial enterprises, individualism has been subordinated to collective, obedient and harmonious action. We have discovered, as Americans, that a house divided against itself is certain to fall.

A community divided by internal feuds and torn by factional fighting cannot hold its own against a united people in some other community. We know that in a baseball team, a regiment, a ship's crew, a school or in any successful business organization that the "antagonism of atoms" would mean defeat and failure. We know that a nation composed of antagonistic citizens, would be ruinous to national perpetuity.

As Robert Blanchford has said: "We know that if men are to be found and govern cities, to build bridges and make roads, to establish universities, to sail ships and sink mines, and create educational systems and policies and religions, they must work together and not against one another. Surely these things are as obvious as the fact that there could not be a hive unless the bees worked as a colony and on the lines of mutual aid."

Co-operation is a principle of citizenship which cannot be violated without dire consequences to the nation.

BLAKE SMITH

Dr. Oates, following which the company present made advances probably unequalled since the historical charge of the Light Brigade.

When the last of the many courses had been served, Garland Adair arose and told Mr. Smith that the moment now had arrived when he should be told just what a great man he was.

He explained the purpose of the assembly as follows: "The place to take the true measure of a man is not in his office, not on the streets, not in the dark spots, not in the amen corner at church, but by his own fireside. Knowing that Blake Smith is 42 years old today; that he has so far lived his life here in Mexia, where born and reared and that he had stated that he expected to continue to live here the rest of his years, these gentlemen, friends and business associates, decided to come in his own home, around his own hearthstone and at his table and find out for themselves whether he was an imp or an angel, a cur or a king, a hero or a humbug."

E. L. Smith was then called upon to tell whether he was "the carpenter or the carpenter's assistant." The reference being to the war time story of the man who unable to find employment elsewhere, took the advice of a friend and went to the ship yards and got him a job as a carpenter, which he was not. He got a board and hammer and walked about the premises. In a short while he was joined by another man, who didn't have anything in his hand but who shadowed him closely all the first day. The next morning, this was repeated until the "carpenter" growing more uneasy all the time, stopped the fellow in a dark passage and said, "Look here, I want you to tell me what you mean by following me around this way?" "Why don't you know who I am?" asked the second party, to which the first speaker replied, "No!" "Why, I'm your assistant" came the quick reply.

E. L. was unable to state just who was the carpenter in their relations. He paid a high tribute to his associate in the E. L. Smith Oil Company and inseparable companion and friend. During the many years of dealings to-

and who might be able to tell something unusual, if he only would. In Continued on Page 8

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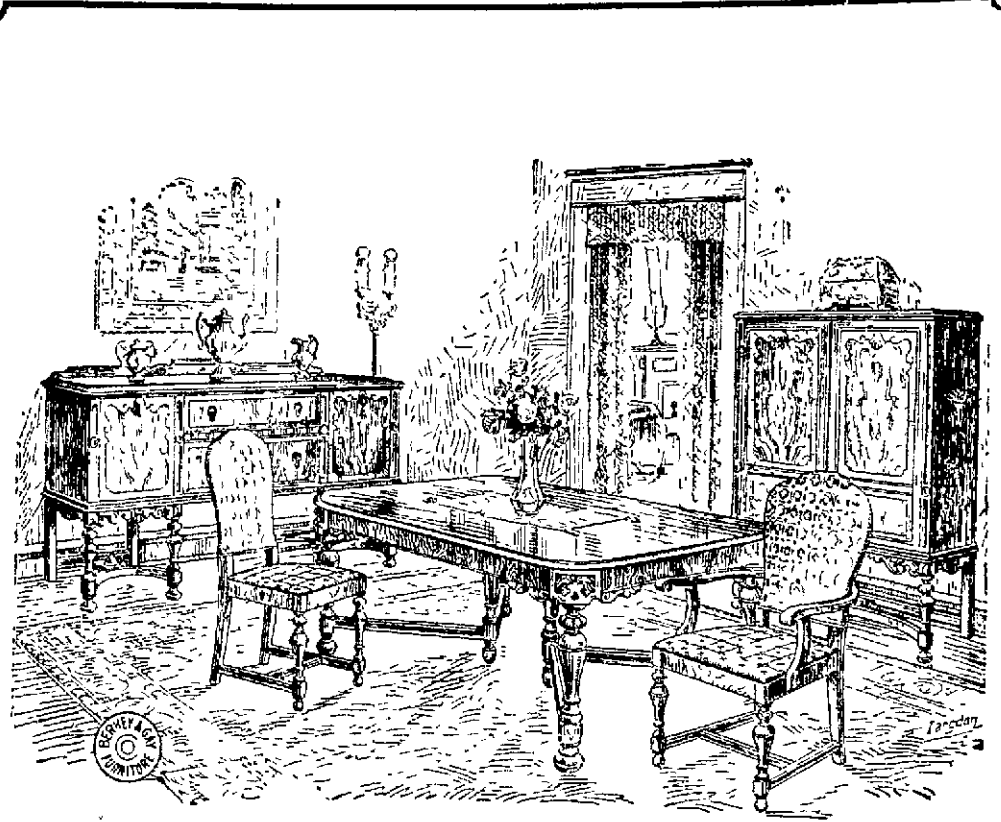
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GOOD SHOES AND HOSIERY

Business Girls of Carroll Club Find Substitute for Palm Beach In Own New York Swimming Pool



THE Florida east coast may have its attractions for society misses and matrons when the snow buries in the North, but the business and professional young women of the Carroll Club of New York, whose work keeps them at their desks, have found that their swimming pool affords them an excellent substitute for the beaches of the South.

The Carroll Club was founded several years ago by Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady, prominent New York society leader for business girls who limited incomes denied them the opportunity of joining one of the expensive women's social clubs of the city. In dedicating the club to the memory of her mother, Mrs. Mary Carroll Garvan, Mrs. Brady provided for certain definite cultural and educational aims as well as for the usual social and recreative advantages.

The growth of the club has been steady and its popularity is attested by an active membership of more than 1500 enthusiastic girls. In the field of social and educational development among New York's feminine working classes, the Carroll Club has achieved the distinction of being the pioneer.

Housed in the building formerly occupied by New York's famous Colony Club, once the center of the social whirlpool, the Carroll Club is one of the few remaining monuments to the craft of Stanford White, the architect to whom New York owes the Pennsylvania Terminal and the Public Library. It is pure Colonial in style and looks oddly out of place in the midst of a seething commercial neighborhood hemmed in by towering mercantile structures.

To the girls of the Carroll Club, however, this only enhances its attraction. They troop in every afternoon and evening, tired mentally and physically after strenuous hours in their downtown offices, to enjoy the quiet of the lounge or reading room, the soothing effect of the swimming pool, the excitement of basketball or gymnasium, or the diversion of mah-jong and bridge.

The swimming pool is one of the most popular of the club's attractions. Surrounded with tall French mirrors and brimming with clear, almost sparkling, blue water from the Croton lakes, it is considered one of New York's most beautiful pools. The Carroll girls take to it like ducks and as an indication of their keenness for water they are rapidly developing an excellent swimming team.

In other fields formerly occupied exclusively by the opposite sex, the Carroll girls are showing aptitude and ability. They have already produced one of the best feminine basketball teams in New York; they have a number of stellar performers in handball, tennis, squash and golf; a first rate hockey team and a crack indoor baseball team.

UNITED PRESS DAILY LETTER

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 23.—Three hundred head of cattle in Alameda county will be killed after being pronounced by veterinarians to be suffering from hoof and mouth disease. This is the first serious appearance of the disease among cattle on the Pacific coast and a livestock quarantine has been placed in Alameda county.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 23.—Because he is alleged to have sent out false information John Frederick Wright, correspondent of the Chicago Tribune will be expelled from Mexico, it is understood here. President Obregon approved application of Article 33 of the Mexican constitution against him. An official bulletin issued by secretary of the Interior referred to Wright as an enemy of Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Jack Dempsey will defend his heavyweight championship in bouts with Tommy Gibbons, Luis Firpo and Harry Wills this summer. Jack Kearns his manager announced here while on a visit to the capital. Kearns will meet Tex Rickard Monday when he expects to get some definite understanding on the new matches, he said.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—School children should be given a course in puzzle solving, members of the national puzzlers league decided at a meeting here. They contend it would aid in straight thinking. The league spent most of its time at its 80th semi annual convention in deciphering cryptograms left by Francis Bacon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Wall street reports betting odds even on chances of Wm. G. McAdoo and Governor Al Smith receiving the Democratic presidential nomination.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 23.—Race fans saw one of the most unique races in local turf history when the first Old Nag event was held. Twenty-one decrepit horses, ranging in age from nine years up, tottered to the barrier for a day of youthful glory before thousands of spectators. While the elderly equines capered about, a hand played "Old Gray Mare" and "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." Jockeys, some of them tipping at 200 pounds rode in the race.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—Local contracting firms have been awarded the task of erecting a \$350,000 hotel in Corsicana. Work will start early in March. The hotel will have five stories and a basement and will be put up on a lot 100x100 feet. One of the features of the new hotel will be bachelor apartments on the second floor.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—More than 100 delegates from all parts of the state are expected to attend the first convocation of the newly created Texas province of the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity to be held here on February 29 and March 1. Many prominent Texans, alumni of the organization, have been invited to attend the meeting.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—Little two year old Pearl Corbett saw a jar of coal oil on the floor at her parents' home and decided she was thirsty. After she had drunk a quantity of the kerosene, her mother discovered Pearl's beverage and called a doctor. Use of stomach pump soon had the little tot back to normal.

Jere H. Cason returned Saturday morning from Austin where he had been attending a meeting of delegates from the different Lions Clubs in this district, presided over by Colonel Louis C. Perry, district Governor of the Lions International. Mr. Cason reports that the meeting was entered into with lots of vim, vigor and vitality and that the outlook for the organization seems brighter than ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith returned Saturday morning from Dallas where they had been since Tuesday.

Masonic Patriotic Program at First Methodist Church

Notwithstanding the threatening weather, sickness in the city and some other functions, the First Methodist church was comfortably filled Friday night by members of the Masonic fraternity and their families and friends to witness the Educational and Patriotic program arranged by Spring field Lodge No. 74, A. F. and A. M., in celebration of Washington's birthday.

Hon. Mike Thomas of Dallas, past grand master of the Texas Grand lodge, past officer in all Scottish Rite bodies, and who says he has taken all degrees conferred in Masonry, including Buckingham, was the honor guest and the principal speaker of the evening. He was brought over from Waco in the afternoon and entertained by the committee appointed for the purpose at an informal banquet at the Majestic cafe. This committee was composed of J. D. Arrington, Frank Bolton, J. F. Denning, Ben F. Stollenwerck, Geo. M. Tidwell, M. B. Webb and N. P. Houx.

At 8 o'clock as Mrs. Roy Akin commenced to play the Dooxology on the new pipe organ, the Eastern Star, led by the efficient worthy matron, Mrs. Oscar Denning, entered and took seats that had been reserved for them.

Rev. W. B. Andrews offered the invocation, and Frank Bolton acted for the worshipful master, Colon S. Phillips, who was sick, and explained the objects of the meeting.

Rev. Andrews delivered a short and splendid address on "Equality and Enforcement of Law," after which the members of the Eastern Star led in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Mr. Thomas then spoke for more than one hour and delivered a splendid address on "George Washington, The Mason." He told how Washington had gathered around him members of this great fraternity that takes the Holy Bible as its rule and gude, and laid the foundation for the greatest

nation under the fairest government ever known. His splendid address was given the closest attention throughout and was freely complimented.

After another song "God Be With You," led by the Eastern Star, Rev. Andrews pronounced the benediction, and there was an informal reception for Mr. Thomas, many taking advantage of the opportunity to meet this distinguished Mason and splendid christian gentleman.

B. W. Collier Has Birthday Dinner With Few Friends

Friday, February 22nd was Mr. B. W. Collier's 77th birthday, and he celebrated the event by having a few of his friends come and take dinner with him. His daughter, Mrs. J. M. Tidwell, prepared the feast at her home on South McKinney street, and the invited guests who availed themselves of the invitation were Messrs Warren Steele, John Melton, D. A. Waler, J. P. Yeldell, A. J. Cox and N. P. Houx, who enjoyed the feast and the company to the limit.

Mrs. Tidwell was assisted in the affair by her husband, Minor, who brought the guests to their home in his car, and by her daughter, Miss Louise, in serving the dinner, which was all that any one could wish.

There were two big turkeys—one to decorate the table with and one carved to eat, and it was thought at one time that the decoration would have to be cut into, when John Melton announced that he had not eaten anything for two days, preparing for this happy event, but the numerous trimmings and accessories saved the day and all had a sufficiency without disturbing the other bird.

Mr. Collier was the recipient of many congratulations and good wishes for many more birthdays, and Mr. and Mrs. Tidwell were declared to be past masters as hosts.

Jim Stanberry is on the sick list at present.

Jack Womack who has been in the Dept. of Sanitation at Fort Worth for the past several years, has returned to his home and the News is glad to report that he is much better. Mr. Womack is one of our most valuable citizens and he is out of the city. He is also a son of his many friends.

Major Herbert Murphy, adjutant of the Cadet Corps at A. and M. College, came up Friday to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Murphy. He was accompanied by Lieut. A. D. Magruder, of San Antonio, also in the cadet corps.

Jesse McLendon who has been confined to his home for the past few days was able to be at his place of business Saturday.

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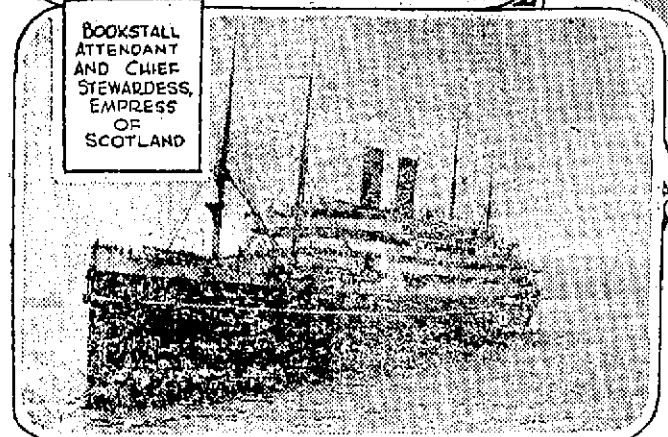
Patterson's Column



FRIDAY IN this column
I WROTE about O. O.
McINTYRE WHOSE
SPLENDID COLUMN appears
REGULARLY IN the Fort Worth
STAR TELEGRAM and today
COMES AN inquiry from
"CUSTOMER" ASKING "Who is
McINTYRE?"
THE ANSWER is read his
COLUMN AND see for he is
THE MAN who takes the
COMMONPLACE EXPERIENCES
OF ORDINARY folks in
EVERY DAY life and weaves
INTO THEM the golden threads
OF ROMANCE
"CUSTOMER" ASK also if
I AM a Ku Klux and do
I HATE JEWS and Catholics?
THE ANSWER is
I AIN'T and I DON'T
I HATE no one and I like
TWO of the best of them
IN THE world
A GAYLET in a skirt
DEER I am not at present
IN THE sketch
I AM NOT a member of
THE KU KLUX KLAN nor have
I EVER tried or been
INVITED TO join but—
I KNOW many excellent
CITIZENS WHO are I
BELIEVE KLANSMEN
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The modern ocean liner is a wonder ship, a combination of home, sweet home and the most luxurious club in the world, with hundreds of sailors and sailorettes to minister to the traveler's comfort. While the captain, staff captain and other officers are the most important personages, the sailors of the gentler sex are much in evidence and very useful. Mrs. Ethel Andrews, now on a cruise to the Mediterranean on the Empress of Scotland, is not only social director of that big ship but is in command of the 300 women who serve in various capacities on the Canadian Pacific Railway's Atlantic ships. She is young and pretty with a fresh Scotch complexion and golden hair, two curls of which cluster about her ears. She selects and supervises all of the 300 women and even designed the attractive uniforms they wear, some with brass buttons on their waists and all with neat lettering on their shoulders stating that they are conductresses, stenographers, stewardesses, bookstall attendants, etc. They look very smart in their distinctive uniforms and Mrs. Andrews is proud of them. A conductress, for example, looks after and safeguards unattended women and children on all of the company's ships. A bookstall attendant wears a blue uniform with brass buttons on the waist. When the Empress of Canada left New York recently on a voyage around the world, she was the first Canadian vessel to commence such a trip with a regular book store and experienced attendants as part of her equipment. She carried also a well equipped free library and the globe riders have 1,000 volumes, many of them on travel, at their service so that they can become well posted concerning a country before the ship reaches it. The books on travel were selected from an interesting list compiled by Fanny Butcher, literary editor of the Chicago Tribune. This list has been published by the Canadian Pacific in a brochure entitled "Ports of a Thousand Romances." Canadian authors have been given due prominence in this floating library, and the world's "best sellers," modern and ancient, are touring that world on its shelves.

BAYLOR CHORAL CLUB COMING MOSTLY WITH TEXAS GIRLS; ON ITS 8TH TOUR OF TEXAS

All except two of the girls of the furnishes a spirited introduction to Baylor College Choral Club which will the program. Then follows the classic "Around the World" by the club, which begins with the singing of the national anthem. This is the fourth year which the club has toured the state. Singing the college song, "Old Baylor is Marching," the girls make their appearance on the platform. The song was written by a Baylor College student two years ago and is the favorite of the Baylor student body. It

the program is the group of songs taken from recent operas and musical comedies, "So This is Venice," by Miss Angeline McCrocklin of Louisville, Ky., Miss Lorene Miller of Cooper and Miss Lucile Summer of Nacogdoches is undoubtedly the most modern and most chatty number of the popular group. Miss McCrocklin has been pronounced by Galli Curi as one of the most remarkable young singers in America. Miss Gladys Hood of San Antonio will take the solo part in "Columbine" from Deggars Opera and Miss Corrine Cochran of Meridian the solo part in "Once Upon a Time" from Clinging Vine. Buildings bought for wrecking purposes if reasonably priced. Frank Mikolash, Box 156. 24-4

Heck Tells Why Baseball Meet Was Called Off

By HECK
The scheduled meeting of Mexia Baseball Fans at the Hurdleston Hotel last Monday night was called off as you know for many reasons with old man Bad Weather running first in the Handicap, but to me I have a sneaking hunch that Jess McLendon had a sore tonsil and couldn't sing; Dock Jackson had a flat tire and Frank Cogdell burned his tongue with hot soup and couldn't say "hod ziggiddy"—any one of these would almost cause Congress to recess so it's a cinch it would blow up our baseball meeting. Now the meeting will be held next Monday night, February 25th at 7:30 p. m. at the Elks Club and everybody knows where the Elks Club is, so I don't have to tell you. I don't know just what the local club bosses have up their sleeves but I can promise you that there will be no Shenanigans, Gimicks, Whangdoodles, Deep Stuff or anything like that pulled on you and no one will be allowed to talk who has his fingers crossed. The whole thing is this: They want you fans to congregate and go over the whole baseball situation with them and they want your opinion upon a lotta things—whether your opinion amounts to a darn or not, they want it. Now, there wasn't enough showed up last Monday night to even interest a promoter of a rooster fight but I'm expecting a whole flock of you to be present next Monday night at the Elks Club and if Old Man Flu will let go his strangle hold on me, I'll be there in a bunch, so make up your mind to be there, you fans, and let's get this matter settled pronto.

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Better Chances For Pitchers In 1924

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Better

pitching and a corresponding decrease in mile and two-mile hitting may result from the decision of the major league executives to be more thrifty in the use of balls next season.

Since the rule was passed against any and all kinds of tampering with the ball, the umpires had become almost fanatical in keeping in play a spotless ball, which, in the strictest interpretation of the rules, could mean nothing but a new ball.

After a ball had been slightly tattered or roughed up a little by a smack against the wire or the stands, it was thrown out of play and a new ball tossed to the pitcher. Batters could protest against a ball and invariably it would be thrown out, even if there was a question about it.

This resulted not only in a very material increase of expense in providing balls, but it imposed a handicap upon all the pitchers, as every one who has handled a baseball knows it is much

more difficult to control or put a hop on a new ball than it is on one that has been roughed up enough to get a tight purchase on it.

Veteran pitchers, or those with several years' big league experience, were better able to meet the handicap than young pitchers coming up from minor leagues, where the umpires were not so opposed to the keeping in play of a used ball.

There seems to be little doubt among the players that the ball is more lively than it used to be and, of course, this contributed toward the increase in long hitting, but the lively ball could not have been entirely responsible for the general let down of pitching.

American League umpires were ordered by Ban Johnson late last season to keep the balls in play as long as possible, and it is understood that the National League umpires will be instructed to do the same next season.

There are no figures to show what effect Johnson's orders had on hitting last season, but the pitchers agree that they were able to pitch better with used balls.

and recall that Poincare ditched these recommendations.

They admit there is perhaps more leniency in France now than there was then. Then fall of the franc has caused a certain uneasiness in France. But they estimate that the gulf between French finances and French politics is too great to permit of a real settlement of the reparations problem now.

The gloom of the above cited authorities is not shared, however, in all Gorman business circles. In many quarters there is an almost uncanny optimism as to the future. And there certainly is full confidence in the rentenmark. The population is no longer tormented with the woes of a falling currency and this has caused a considerable light to dawn in a hitherto cheerless gloomy atmosphere.

TEA DRINKERS MEETING IN N. Y.

NEW YORK.—A conference that will decide what kinds of tea American tea drinkers will be permitted to have during the coming year convened at the customs house here Tuesday.

The meeting is of the board of tea experts appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in conformity with the tea inspection act, to select official standards for tea imported into this country during the next season.

Standard of purity, quality and fitness for consumption of all teas entering the United States will be measured, selected and recommended to Secretary Wallace for approval. The approved standards will go into effect May 1.

The tea inspection act requires fixing of such standards to prevent importation of impure teas, dangerous to health. New standards are chosen each year to vary with the crops and changing conditions.

A wise man says just enough and then puts the lid on.

How much louder it sounds when some one else slams the door!

Youthful Editor Had The Nerve And 'Comes Back'

BONHAM, Texas, Feb. 23.—The "Pathe Sun" has again made its appearance on the streets of Bonham after a hard fight against adverse circumstances by Joe Lair, its 13-year-old publisher.

Lair, who holds every position from editor to reporter on the paper, started the publication in January, 1923. But so many things came up to occupy his time that after a few flourishing months he was forced to suspend publication.

Now, with prospects bright on every hand, Joe has again put his paper into circulation. It is issued weekly and consists of eight pages, four columns to the page. It is neatly written in colored pencils and well edited. The editorial policy is: "To say what I please and what I believe to be the truth."

EARLY SPRING

There is a faint green veil high in the tops Of elm trees, and the yellow daffodils

Have opened gold beneath my window ledge, And there is green upon a distant hill.

A thrill runs shivering through the damp, cold earth. Dead smells are gone, the air is clean and sweet. Some hand has drifted violets thru the leaves, And sprinkled daisies at my eager feet.

—Sadi Kirgan.

There is no objection to other people's thinking what they like—just so they refrain from thinking out loud.

And the sweetness of some women reminds us of sugar-coated pills.

U. S. OFFICIALS IN BERLIN FEAR SMASH

BERLIN, Feb. 22 (United Press).—American officials here believe that Germany's temporary return to "normalcy" is dangerously liable to be followed by a terrible smash.

Some of these authorities on whom the American government relies for its information as to German conditions foresee that an era of starvation—even in the agricultural communities—can ensue. Their view is very pessimistic. They fear that unless an earlier reparation settlement comes, conditions similar to the famine in the Wolga district will arise within the German farming provinces.

Farmers, they fear, may plant less for their next harvest than they have hitherto done. Such a course would naturally bring with it a famine in the cities, too, as Germany never has been able to produce enough grains and meats for her populace.

At the moment, Germany's visible supply of meats and grains is surprisingly large. The food stores are crammed to overflowing with the plenty of the land.

But, it is explained, this plentitude is due to a dumping process on the part of the big land owners. For a time they held back their wares, as they did not care to accept falling prices.

The Market Flooded. With the introduction of the rentenmark they flooded the markets with their goods. But they killed too much cattle, it was claimed.

This pouring of cattle and grain on the city market is destined—still in the opinion of American officials—to lead

to a serious collapse probably only a few months hence. The reason for this excessive slaughter of cattle lies in the fact that the landlords were compelled to gather hastily money for new taxes.

It is foreseen, however, that the agrarians will reach a point where they say that there is no profit for themselves, but that instead their substance is eaten up by too heavy tax burdens.

If they reach this point, it is then figured that they will adopt the scheme of the Russian peasants, namely, the planting of less acreage and the slaughter of fewer cattle. The results of such a policy would clearly be catastrophic.

The rentenmark is now thoroughly stable. The nation has confidence in it. But those who delve beneath the surface realize that it is only a transitional currency and that a stable gold money must be introduced. Moreover, an excess of exports over imports and an excess of state income over outgo must be achieved if actual stability of currency and conditions is to be had in mid-Europe.

Reparations Failure? American officials have confided to callers their pessimism over the prospects of a satisfactory reparation solution. Both the American and German authorities anticipate that General Dawes and his assistants will make drastic recommendations which if adopted by France, would lead to a healing of the German economic situation.

But these same officials make little secret of their fears that Poincare will sabotage the findings. They look back upon the work of the Wirth experts

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Preaching service at 7:30. Subject: "News of a Far Country."

Church night each Wednesday. Bible study from 7:30 to 8:15. Choir practice from 8:15 to 8:45.

—G. T. Reaves, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—Senator

LaFollette took command of the senate in an effort to oust Attorney General Daugherty from the cabinet. Belief has grown in administration circles that if Coolidge does not yield this week and dismiss Daugherty that the president will stand by the attorney general until he has a full hearing before the Senate committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—John T.

Adams, chairman of the republican national committee, came to the defense of Daugherty when he said he would issue a statement tonight on behalf of the committee. "It is absurd to talk of dismissing a man who has not had a full hearing and an opportunity to defend himself."

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High School Announces Honor Roll For Half Semester

Seniors Plant Trees Around Campus On Arbor Day

The following students have made an average grade of 90% in at least four subjects with no grade below 80 for the entire half year semester:

Joy Adams
Clara Belle Bybee
Lola Cochran
Benjamin Davis
Opal Hale
Hazel Horn
Elizabeth Jones
Marianna Murphy
Virginia Rollins
Pauline Stephens
Mary Porter Travis
Francis Vickers
Josie Wright

ARBOR DAY PROGRAM
A very unique program was given by the Seniors for the Juniors Thursday in keeping with Arbor Day. The Seniors planted a tree, handing the spade with the Senior colors on it to the Juniors to keep and protect the tree with. Next year this class of Juniors as Seniors will hand the spade down to the class below them, thus establishing a custom to be long remembered in old Mexia High School.

Robert Storey, president of the Senior Class made a short talk telling the purpose of the tree and the reason for planting it. This talk was followed by several humorous burials of different troublesome Senior subjects. Miriam Bass buried a tiny pony, significant to Latin students; Marguerite Franks, a test tube remembered by all Chemistry students; Machon Forrest, an English classic; Valma Wallace a compass, known to all Math students; J. L. Gatlin an outside reading report for History, something we are all familiar with; Herman Adams a "Detention Card," familiar to almost every student in M. H. S.

Allene Little then presented the Senior spade and Marvin Bennett, president of the Junior Class accepted the spade. A short talk by Mr. Andrews followed, and then Mr. Puckett addressed the students in his pleasing and instructive manner. The program ended with the singing of the school song and of "America."

Central Presbyterian Church
"A Friendly Church"
McKinney and Carthage streets.
Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Bible classes for all ages.
Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
Communion Service "Doing Our Best for Jesus." Message by pastor. Presenting gifts for Christian Missions.
Junior Endeavor, 3:00 p. m.
Senior Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. "Overcoming Obstacles." Sermon by pastor Solo by Mrs. E. A. Hampton.
Woman's Missionary Society, Monday 8:40 p. m.
Church Night, School of Missions Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice Wednesday 8:30 p. m.

It might be said, perhaps, that the man who passes a counterfeit bill effects a change of base.

Banker Delivers Address To Class At High School

At the request of Miss Whittaker, instructor of economics, Mr. David Murphy addressed the members of her class Thursday. Mr. Murphy's address was exceptionally suitable for its content and adaptability to those who heard it. He stressed the importance of certain apparently minor matters in the making out of checks and deposit slips and showed the pupils why these were important. In a broader way, he explained the nature of a bank as a depository and a lending agent, and emphasized the obligation which it is under to its customers. In closing Mr. Murphy gave the salient details of the Federal Reserve System, and paid tribute to Woodrow Wilson by saying that the Federal Reserve Act made American participation in the recent war possible, and that without the Federal Reserve the allies must have suffered.

The opportunity of hearing a practical talk from so able an authority as Mr. Murphy was considered by both class and instructor as being really educational.

Christian Endeavor Organized At First Presbyterian Church

The young people of the First Presbyterian church have organized a Christian Endeavor Society with the following officers:

Martha Mitchell, president.
Harold Wright, vice president.
Andrea Betts, secretary-treasurer.
Lutlie Betts, organist.

The society meets every Sunday evening at 6:30, and complete the program before preaching time.

All young people in the church are urged to attend and join the society, and if you are not a member of some other church you are invited to come and join this club.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday.
Woman's Home Missionary Society meets at Baptist Church 3:30 p. m.
Woman's Missionary Society meets at Central Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m.
Study Class of the First Methodist Missionary Society at the parsonage of the First Methodist church 3 p. m.

Tuesday.
American Legion meets at Legion Hall at 7:00 p. m.
Bridge Club meets.

Wednesday.
Prayer meeting at all local churches.

Thursday.
Rotary Luncheon at Majestic Cafe at 12:15 p. m.
7-A Literary Club at McKinney Street Grammar School at 3:00 p. m.

Friday.
Friday Club meets.
Lions Club Banquet at Reunion Clubhouse Friday evening.
All Scout Troops meet. Troops one and four at the Baptist Church, troop two at the Methodist church, troop three at the First Christian church. All meet at 7 p. m.

Saturday.
Junior Dramatic Club meets Saturday morning.

Economic conditions force 40 per cent of the school children to leave school.

CAREFUL TRAINING IN CITIZENSHIP AND BETTER ENGLISH DEMONSTRATED IN IMPRESSIVE SUMPTER PARADE

The pupils of the Sumpter Street School, demonstrating what months of careful training and supervision have done for them, gave one of the most splendid exhibitions Mexia has seen Thursday morning, when with flying colors they marched six hundred strong down Commerce street, not only to show Mexia what Sumpter Street School stands for but what the future citizens of Mexia are going to demand.

Despite the fact that the morning was gray and cold, there was an untold enthusiasm about the moving line of young Americans as they swung down the street bearing their posters with their slogans, "Down With Bad English," "A Yell and a Cheer, Better English this Year," "We are on the March for Better English," "To Read Good Books we Always Try, and Better English is Our Cry," "Get the Dictionary Habit." The younger grades carried clever little picture posters made by themselves illustrating the correct use of idioms. One little class displayed the tree of errors, a tree bearing "I seen," "I ain't," "I done," and other errors in its branches, with a child with an axe raised to cut the tree down.

The parade left Sumpter Street at ten o'clock. It was led by the Chief of Police, wearing a white satin badge with "Sumpter," on it, and riding a horse draped with the national colors. Following him was a car bearing on the back flags and a poster reading, "Sumpter Street School Stands for Patriotism, Health, Better Speech." In the car was Mrs. White, President of the Sumpter Street School Parent-Teachers Association and Mr. Puckett, City Superintendent of the Mexia Public Schools. Each wore a white satin badge.

Following the car came a child dressed as Uncle Sam, accompanied by a Red Cross nurse, representing the Good Health that Sumpter Street stands for. They were followed by two boys bearing the dictionary, decorated in red, white and blue.

The grades of the school then came in order, the little primary class leading. At the back of the line, barred from the regular line by a poster which read, "No Admittance to Sumpter Street School," came twelve boys representing Carelessness, Ignorance, Slang, and other undesirable qualities. Some feet behind this group came a boy alone dressed in an old tattered overcoat, and leaning on a walking stick, "I ain't." "He was Bad English" and bore many small cards with incorrect words on them. Behind him came a group of Indians on the war-path, dressed in feathers, gay blankets and bearing bows and arrows. The chief carried a poster reading, "On the Warpath After Bad English." Each child in the parade wore a paper hat with Sumpter stamped on it, giving a splendid festival note to the parade.

The children marched down Sumpter and turned in at the public library where they formed in line to raise the flag on the new pole. It was a strangely, solemn moment as the children watched the colors that they have been taught so faithfully to love and respect ascend the iron mast, and flutter out against the gray sky. Then the paper hats of the boys came off and every hand was raised in salute, as they repeated, "I pledge allegiance to my flag, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

They sang then, one verse of America, and were given the word that meant dismissal. The parade was over, and six hundred children, asserting their red American blood, surged back down Commerce, hats, posters, and flags waiving together.

NEGRO BOY THROWN FROM CAR MAY DIE

Friday afternoon a colored boy, age about 10, was thrown from the running board of a car, said to be traveling at a high rate of speed on the Mexia-Tehساس road, and seriously if not fatally injured. It is not known whether or not the negro is dead, but from reports of eye witnesses who were driving a car directly behind the one in which the boy was riding, he seemed to be dying when they left him. They reported that the car on which he was riding was, as best they could remember, a Dodge roadster, practically new, and that two men, evidently intoxicated, were in it. The car did not stop, they said, after the boy was thrown off. Officers are working on the case now.

Miss Edith Speer, who is employed in Cheeves Brothers office, is at home sick this week.

REV. G. T. REAVES ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL BODY THURSDAY

Thursday, February 21st, Rev. Reaves of the First Christian church held the devotional exercises at the Mexia High School and later gave an address in honor of our first president, George Washington.

Rev. Reaves said that the qualities that gave Washington his commanding position were courage, determination and faith in himself, others and God. Washington stands preeminent in these virtues just as his monument stands with its head in the clouds at our National Capital. America has but one great shrine, the unpretentious tomb at Mount Vernon. Rev. Reaves complimented the honor students and urged them to continue to have faith in themselves and the courage of their convictions. In our early history Washington was the first national hero. Since that time when occasion demands it, God has always provided us leaders greater than the crisis. In our own day, when we needed a leader Woodrow Wilson was at hand.

Rev. Reaves' address was thoroughly enjoyed by faculty and student body and his return is anticipated with pleasure.

Mexia Gun Club Announces

—its—

First Anniversary Shoot Friday, March 21st, 1924

Individual shooters and sportsmen from all neighboring towns are cordially invited to attend and help make this shoot a big success. There will be teams from the Groesbeck and Teague clubs and other entries can be made with the club secretary.

All Visitors Welcome

We are giving this shoot advance publicity in order to secure as big attendance as possible. We expect to make this the premier trap-shooting event of Central Texas. There will be quite a list of merchandise prizes donated by Mexia merchants for the different events. Don't forget the date, Friday, March 21st.

Shooting will start at 9:00 a. m. and continue all day at Gun Club Grounds Southeast of city.

SOCIAL MEETING

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Central Presbyterian church will have a social meeting at the church, Monday, at 8:30. All members and their friends are urged to be present.

THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Sunday cloudy probably rains in eastern portion. Somewhat colder in extreme northwest portion.

West Texas.—Sunday partly cloudy and somewhat colder in north portion.

WATCH FOUND THROUGH CLASSIFIED AD


Mrs. Sophie Travis informed the News this morning that it pays to advertise as she placed a lost ad of a watch that was lost by her daughter, Miss Porter Travis that she had no idea of finding was informed the next day after an ad appeared that it was found and the watch was delivered to the looser.

Of total of \$478,000,000 of minerals mined in Alaska, \$328,000,000 was in gold.

Phillip's Self Seller for fresh groceries.
Phone 743. 107 N. McKinney St.

NATIONAL MONDAY - TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

SAM WOOD PRODUCER
KATE JORDAN



Kate Jordan's punch-filled drama of a wife's false step and a husband's faith. Played by a remarkable cast. Splendidly produced.

From the novel and play by Kate Jordan—Adapted by Monte Katterjohn.

PHILLIPS Self Seller Grocery

Roscoe Cook named our store and received the \$10 worth of Groceries.

We carry a full line of Fresh Groceries, Fruits, Vegetables, Cured Meats, Butter, Eggs, etc. Come and see our place and look our prices over. Any business you will give us will be appreciated.

PHONE 743

Colon S. Phillips, Prop.
107 North McKinney St.
Across Street from Mexia Bakery & Tire Co.

Just Received Many NEW DRESSES for Spring Wear

In Sport and Dress Styles.

Priced from \$9.75 to \$39.75



—Dozens of these pretty dresses in exclusive styles. Beautiful colors and trimmings. Surprising values.

SPRING SUITS Priced \$17.50 to \$37.50

—Suits are very good this season. And the minute you see these pretty little models in sport materials you will recognize them as exceptional values at the above prices.

New CAPES at \$9.75 to \$24.50
—Beautifully made in the latest Spring materials and colors. Very moderately priced.

New COATS at \$14.75 to \$24.50
—Of pretty sport materials in the lighter colors of Tan and Gray.

NEW SPRING HATS

—Just arrived. Poke shapes, Off-the-face Shapes and Little Turn-up Styles. Specially priced—\$3.95.
—Other hats including Paige, McElroy and Goldweb from \$5.00 to \$9.75

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107 South Sherman St. Elgin, Texas

Pee Gee FLOOR VARNISH

Save the surface and you save all!



Beautiful Floors—the Pride of Every Housewife

WHAT an eyesore to neat housewives are dingy, marred floors! Scrub them, clean them all you will and they simply won't respond. And unless the varnish used is so high-grade that it withstands countless hostile contacts the floors will always look the "worse for wear."

Pee Gee Floor Varnish solves your problem of "how to keep the floors ALWAYS presentable." It dries with a high gloss, is water and mar proof. It stands the going and coming of countless feet—will not peel or crack and scratches never show white.

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For a lasting and beautiful finish it has no equal

Through A Woman's Eyes

SCRAPBOOKS

By SADI KIRGAN

When Elbert Hubbard went down on the Titanic he left behind a collection of poems and various clippings in a scrap book. He had not contemplated that they would ever be printed. He was making instead, a collection of the best that many men and women had said, for his own reading, the thoughts and ideas that he needed to steady him as he went about his tremendous work.

After the loss of the great journalist the scrap book was printed. It presents a marvelous arrangement of bits of literature from lists of every day verses of contemporary writers, to the most exalted moments of the greatest classical genius. None of

them were chosen with random but all with the painstaking care of a man who was seeking none but the best.

All people make scrap books. I do not mean with scissors and paste, and printed lines. We collect each day the things that are to be our inspiration and our guides in the days and the years to come.

We may collect the beauty of a sunset, or the slime beneath it; the thoughts that quicken life from a real book, or the things that drag it down from lines of trash. We may collect the poetry of friendship or the doggerels of the will and dislike.

If our ship went down without warning, as Elbert Hubbard's did when the drifting iceberg shattered the great Titanic, what kind of a scrap book would we leave behind?

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

TEAGUE

A meeting of the Fair Directors of the Freestone County Fair Association was held at the city hall immediately following the Lions Luncheon Club of which the Directors were guests last Friday.

At this meeting the dates for the fair were definitely set for the week of September between the 15th and 20th. David Lemor who was secretary for the Fair last year was re-elected to that office for the present year.

The First National Bank has made some improvements in its building and fixtures which are attracting widespread attention, evidenced by the letters received from other banking institutions over the state. According to Bank Examiner J. L. Penix, the bank is one of the most attractive small town banks he has ever seen in Texas.

In reply to a letter from City Manager E. B. St. Clair addressed to the Lone Star Gas Company relative to a gas supply for the city of Teague the Company replied that owing to their disappointment in the matter of obtaining a dependable gas supply in the Powell-Mexia district there was not sufficient pressure in their lines to get a supply to Teague.

An Art Exhibit was shown at the High School Tuesday consisting of over 100 Colonial prints loaned the school for a short time by the Colonial Art Company of Oklahoma, the fine Art Collection donated to the High School last year by Miss Helen A. Saunders, and other beautiful collections.

The grounds of the City Hospital are being beautified with trees and shrubbery planted about the drives and walks that have been laid out in a manner calculated to cope with the best landscape planning jobs in the country. Experts were hired by the Board of Directors to plan the work.

FAIRFIELD

A. C. Dunn, special organizer of the Salvation Army was in Fairfield Tuesday organizing this county and collecting funds for the annual drive to aid the many worthy institutions and causes supported by the Army in this state. Tom Lindley was appointed County Vice-Chairman; H. L. Williford, H. B. Stewart and T. S. Watson, committee for the county.

The Kirten Basket Ball team, after winning the county championship in the county finals at Wortham recently went to Calvert Friday where they won third place in the district.

HUBBARD CITY

The city primaries will be held here February 26th. Little interest is being manifested in the matter. There are four aldermen to be elected. The four retiring officials say that they do not wish to offer for re-election and as yet no one has announced as a

candidate.

A meeting of the Hubbard Poultry Association was called Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the secretary, to consider the proposition made by one of the local business men on marketing the surplus eggs and chickens.

Quite the most unique (costume) musical program was given on Thurs-

day evening at 7 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church when Mrs. E. M. Davis presented her piano pupils in recital. The unusual feature of this program was that each pupil represented a country carrying this out in detail in costume as well as in music.

A small vice in a great man is equivalent to a hole in a silver quarter.

The new assembly hall was dedicated this week at the A. & M. College of Texas and takes its place in the college group of buildings as the forthright modern fireproof or semi-fireproof building. It will be used for all informal meetings of students and officials, including picture shows and various kinds of entertainments. It cost \$30,000 and will seat 2000.

China's newest department store in Hankow is to have a theatre, a concert hall and other entertainments for the amusement of its shoppers. The Wing On company, conductor of department stores in Shanghai and Hong-Kong, has acquired about two acres of land on the main street of Hankow for the erection of the several buildings.

DEVELOPMENT IS PLANNED FOR BIG LAKE SECTION

BIG LAKE, Texas, Feb. 23.—A million dollars will be spent by the California company in development work on the Marathon Fold during the current year according to the latest reports. This company it is understood is a subsidiary of the Standard of California and with a recent purchase now have leases along the Fold in Terrell, Reagan, Crockett and Mitchell counties. A large amount of the production in the latter county is controlled by them.

These recent purchases in this section consisted of 16 sections, 12 of which are located in Block 7 and consisting of numbers 32, 33, 34, 35 and sections 20 to 27 inclusive. Sections 13 and 14 in Block 8 were purchased for a consideration of \$750 an acre, this land being southwest from the producing territory of the Big Lake Oil company. A section was also bought in Block 11.

A number of wells will be drilled in the near future by this company, it is reported the first of which will be in Block 8. The Mid-Kansas and Texas companies are also very active in this field, they having checker-boarded both Reagan and Crockett counties. The geological staff of the Texas Interest are now in the field working on what appears to be a large structure south of here.

be in the Shannon No. 1 well of the Crockett Drilling Syndicate, which is believed to be located on the apex of the Sheffield Terrace. Considerable delay in the completion of this well has been caused by water trouble it being necessary to pull the 8-inch casing. A leaky joint of pipe is thought to be causing the trouble.

In the proven territory the Big Lake Oil company has spudded in their No. 6 and are preparing to start drilling operations on the No. 7. These wells are located southwest of the discovery well. Derrick timbers for the 116 foot rotary derrick of the Wade Drilling company are now on the lease and work will be started immediately.

Should this heavy type rotary be successful in cutting the hard formations several more it is expected will be moved into this field to hasten the work. The rig will drill to 2950 feet and the well completed with cable tools.

As a result of the activity in this section a number of supply houses are preparing to open stores here. A machine shop is also needed as tools are now being hauled to Eastland and Ranger for repairs.

The Chamber of Commerce will also issue a circular dealing with the leasing of university lands for the convenience of the operators. This information has been requested from the State Land department.

E. L. Smith left Saturday night on the mid-n train for San Antonio to join his wife and son, E. L. Jr., who are spending several weeks in that city.

The United States hold in reserve more than two-thirds of the world's gold.

Hats Blocked and Suits Pressed In Ten Minutes

We take great pleasure in announcing an entirely different, greatly simplified combination Hat Renovating and Blocking Machine. This machine is the result of two year's of experimenting by a man who has been in the hat renovating and blocking business all his life.

Here is the one and only machine which completely blocks and flanges every kind of hat—men's, women's or children's—without the aid of irons or shackles, and that it is guaranteed by the largest company of its kind in the world.

Straw hats, panama hats, all kinds of men's and women's felt and velvet hats—every kind of hat made can be completely cleaned, reblocked, renovated and made to look exactly like new. Remember that this machine, because of its exclusive patented features, thoroughly dries out the hat, sterilizes it and eliminates entirely all odor. The finest white felt or panama hat can be cleaned on the Hoffman without the slightest chance of any discoloration.

All next week we will have with us an expert from the factory who will block the FIRST FIVE hats received each day free of charge. We will at all times have an experienced man in charge of this machine which will insure you the very best of service.

And we will do cleaning and pressing of suits the same as ever.

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In a Range of Prices Sufficiently Great to Please the Most Discriminating!

Dame Fashion has been exceedingly good to us this season! We say good because she has furnished us with such wonderful collections of New Spring Dresses which we will be able to sell at such attractive prices.

Just a few words about these Dresses. A glance will reveal to you the many new materials of which they are constructed: Roshanara, Crepe Romaine, Flat Crepe, Satin Back Cantons, Canton Crepes and dozens of different combinations, made into much desired little styles for the present season. Colors for the most, are bright; Paislees, Ma Jongg, Mexico, Henna, Orchid, Grey and Jade are some of the leading shades, with dozens of other colors used profusely in trimming.

We could write pages about these dresses but our efforts in words would fail to do justice to many of these models. Let us urge you to see our wonderful collection at your earliest convenience.

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—In addition to these groups we have many of the more expensive models which we shall be pleased to show you.

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BLAKE SMITH
responding, he stated that he admitted that he had been in the offices of these gentlemen on numerous occasions, as a director in their company, and that he had never discovered anything but the most honorable conduct in their affairs; that he trusted them implicitly and even when he was secretary of the board, he would often sign any statement requiring his signature, which Blake had passed on, even without reading it beforehand. He said that his presence in Mexia was due in a large way to the encouragement and cooperation of Blake Smith, referring in this to the earlier remarks by Mr. Berry.

It was left to Tracy McKenzie, however, to call to the attention of those present that Blake Smith had more to do with the discovery of the Mexia oil field than any other man in Mexia or elsewhere. He clinched this statement with a brief and interesting, happily placed recital of the early days of the gas field, the beginning of the oil field, and when Blake, excited and nervous activity had played a prominent role in discovery and development.

Phil Knorr followed with a feeling statement of regard which men feel for another, when the bonds of friendship have been welded since boyhood days. He was a playmate of Blake Smith, long before the time spoken of by Mr. McKenzie. He also attested his value to the city in the co-operation extended to business men, and was glad to be a member of the party honoring him on his 42nd birthday.

George Petty concurred in all that Mr. McKenzie had stated, adding that he had known Blake when he was not a man of means and that he was the same genial, cheerful, plain, agreeable friend today as he was then. Success had not spoiled him.

Walter K. Boyd followed Mr. Petty, stating that he had to be mad before he could make a speech; that he was mad now, but was feeling mighty good. He then called attention to the fact that Blake Smith does many things for the good of Mexia, which the town never hears about. As an example he cited the co-operation given financially to the News Publishing Company, because of which the company could publish the Mexia Daily News in a town building. He also paid a tribute to Mrs. Smith.

Texas Morrow was called upon, as one of the new men of Mexia. He stated that he could say what he thought of Blake in a very few words; that he had found him to be an unusual type, a citizen and a friend of inestimable worth and one whom he was proud to have an opportunity to honor.

W. B. Kerschick called to mind the help that Blake had been to him, stating that it was through his services largely that he had won his first success in business. Later on he stated that this came through his assistance of the local which he found a factor in the oil field, which Blake had arranged to buy prior to the discovery of oil.

Dr. Dates was called upon to tell whether there was anything wrong with Blake. He being a doctor, ought to know. He found the doctor in the high praises of God and shared in the pleasure of being present.

By this time, Sanford Smith was getting on his feet and he would not be called upon and told what the doctor did not tell. He then told of some of the capacity of youth of his brother Blake, and agreed with everyone else that had been said about him.

Dr. Lewis Metcalf, with more time to get ready to speak than the others, being the last one called upon, delivered a very sound talk, stating that he was really a neighbor to Blake, not only by marriage and that he knew him by thought, and that the president over farm relief is received. He closed his remarks and went even further, if such a thing was possible.

Blake was then presented with a key from Marl.

Central Presbyterian Ladies Enjoy Study of Korea Missions

A most enjoyable and inspirational program was that held by the ladies of the Central Presbyterian church last Monday, at the church, when Mrs. Allen Hatch conducted the study of Korea—one of the most interesting of mission fields.

Mrs. Victor K. Aubrey presented an address on "The Awakening of Chosen," followed by a discussion of Schools and Hospitals in Korea.

Mrs. W. W. Wallace presented a paper on the Oriental Five Note Scale, in which it was brought to the attention of those present that oriental music was monotonous, on account of the five notes only used and that more hymn books were

needed.
Mrs. Haston and Mrs. Wallace presented a duet in their lovely way, followed by a poem given by Mrs. R. E. Hickman on "If, for Missionaries."
The next number was a "Joyful Offering" by Mrs. Haston.
Mrs. Warren Dale gave editorial notes from the Foreign Missionary movement.
A special missionary offering, concluded the program.
The next meeting will be the regular social gathering of the society with Mrs. Tom Best and Mrs. R. F. Babb as hostesses at the home of Mrs. Babb on North McKinney St.



Dorothy Mackaill in the Paramount Picture "The Next Corner" A Sam Wood Production
National Theatre Tomorrow

PRICKETT-PRESSLEY

Last Sunday afternoon Johnnie Prickett and Miss Juanita Pressley drove to Waco and were quietly married by Rev. W. M. Clark, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Waco, at the parsonage. The marriage took place at 3:30 after which the happy young couple returned to Mexia to make their home in the new bungalow built as a model home by J. K. Hughes under the supervision of the News Publishing Company.

The bride is a young lady of lovely charms and has a host of friends in the community. The groom is one of Mexia's worthy young business men. The happy newly weds are both receiving the congratulations of friends who wish them much joy and success and are glad to know that they are "at home" in Mexia.

MEASLES—Miss Madeline Beene, 20, of Shiloh, died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. H. R. Little at 801 South McKinney street Friday evening at 9 o'clock of measles complicated with lung trouble. She had been sick for only a short time and her death came suddenly and almost before the seriousness of her condition was realized.

Funeral services were held at her home at Shiloh Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and interment took place at Union cemetery, about four and one-half miles southeast of Teague.

Miss Beene was an employee of Cheeves Brothers here. She leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Beene, of Shiloh, and several sisters.

The family had moved into the Shiloh community but a year ago, from Union where the deceased was buried.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS
The Camp Fire Girls met at 4:30 Thursday afternoon and after a short talk by Mrs. Z. Rochelle the troop was organized with the following officers elected:

Josephine Harris, president.
Martha Mitchell, vice president.
Fay Overstreet, secretary.
Lila Mays, reporter.
Jewel Thornton, treasurer.

KLANSMEN STAGE BIG
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 23.—Headed by a huge fiery cross and with the marching time snapped out by a sixty drum corps, approximately 1,500 members of the Ku Klux Klan, robed and hooded but with faces unmasked, wound through the streets here last night as the closing feature of the Street Klan convention.

N. C. Jewett, grand dragon of the Oklahoma, led the procession upon horseback while visiting members of the imperial family and other high Klansmen followed the procession in cars. Forty thousand onlookers thronged the line of march, which was without event.

HOUSTON, Feb. 23.—The Rice Institute cage team defeated the Arkansas University Razorbacks by a score of 30 to 19 here last night.

WOMEN COMING TO

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 23.—The women of Pennsylvania are taking an active part on the politics of the Keystone state.

Both political parties have made concessions that will eventually have an important bearing on elections.

Reform seems to be the battle cry of the feminine bloc.

The State League of Women Voters, under the leadership of Mrs. John O. Miller of Pittsburgh has launched an intensive educational campaign to school the women of the state in exercising their franchise.

Revision of the state constitution is the principal plank in their "platform." A definite legislative program is drawn up each year and the league exerts considerable pressure upon candidates before election and officials after their election.

Eight women received their baptism of fire in the state legislature in 1923.

Governor Pinchot bowed to the wishes of the women and was the first governor to name a woman to his cabinet. Dr. Ellen C. Potter is now serving as secretary of welfare under Pinchot.

The election of Governor Pinchot was regarded in a measure due to the influence of the women voters of the Republican party. He retains a large following among a group which has formed itself into the State Council of Republican Women.

Mrs. Barclay Warburton, daughter of John Wanamaker, is an active figure in this organization, while its politics are shaped for the most part by Mrs. Gifford Pinchot. Mrs. Worthington Seranton of Seranton, another prominent woman socially in the state, is likewise associated with this group.

Mrs. Warburton is a member of the Republican State Committee and her influence is considerable. In some quarters, it is said, the decision to place both Governor Pinchot and a woman on the state of seven delegates at large to the Republican Convention is due to her influence.

The women are from every section of the state. They are considered in many moves which the state administration or the leaders wish to make. Their position comes partly through social standing, partly through their commanding position in the communities they represent and to a considerable extent through their knowledge of present day politics, absorbed by years of association and close study.

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—The Texas Aggies swept the Baylor Bear team off their feet and won, 37 to 13 here last night.


COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Coolidge filed his declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state through his Ohio campaign manager, Hoke Donithan.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.

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William R. Wagner was here Saturday.



To Those Who Care for Better Homes and Better Mexia

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Whose Building is Blessed with the None Better? See My "Key" to the Best Homes in Mexia!

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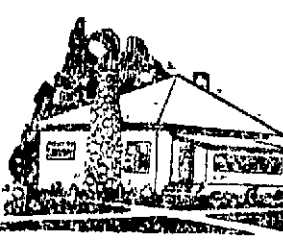
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Made by America's leading makers; Goldsmith's mitts and gloves, Drapert & Maynard's gloves, Louisville Slugger Bats, Morrison-Ricker's fielders gloves, Goldsmiths Official League base-balls.

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NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE®

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

BY SLYBOOTS

While coming down Commerce this morning on my way to town I fell in with John Sweet who while waiting for a car to come over the days before the oil boom told me a yarn concerning the keys which I think good enough to occupy a few lines of print in this section.

One of the clubs of the city, he said, was put on a play in the market of charity and had selected a beautiful girl of Shapely proportions to be the key. The keys, who had been in the play a stage or some time, of the same order was supposed to be the key at a certain time and arranged to the king that the queen had escaped.

At the time scheduled for his appearance he stood in, grabbed an oil barrel, hunched up the person in the play was supposed to be a king, but him, at the plaudits of a brilliant audience bowed and then the king, saying as he did so, a brilliant voice, "Sire, the queen has escaped."

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Trousers Are Going Towards Arm pits

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Taking a peek at trousers of the present era, one finds that not only are they wider and longer, permitting that graceful drape about the ankles, but that they are becoming very high waisted. In fact, in the best tailoring shops in New York, trousers are well on their way to the armpits.

Then, too, one finds that trousers are being made with little pleats about the waist. The purpose of this innovation is to enable the trousers to fit snugly at the waist, yet retain the long, straight sweep from hip to foot which is the fashion in clothes of the better quality. This is particularly true of dress trousers, in which class of clothing the ample trousers has always been a feature of distinction.

The high waisted trousers have led to a new type of vest. The conventional pointed vest is now giving ground to a vest that is almost straight across the bottom. The double breasted vest, which is somewhat popular, is cut straight across, while in the single breasted vest the points have diminished about 75 per cent and are now round instead of triangular shaped. However, shopkeepers predict early doom for the double breasted dress waist coat. It has had a slight vogue with wearers of Tuxedos and has been responsible for the wearing of white vests with the Tux, but for full dress wear, it didn't "take." The biggest New York haberdasheries are not going to carry them next season.

The man who has experienced difficulty in making his vest and trousers behave, i. e. who finds that every

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Dallas Is The Convention City

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—Dallas the convention city of the Southwest.

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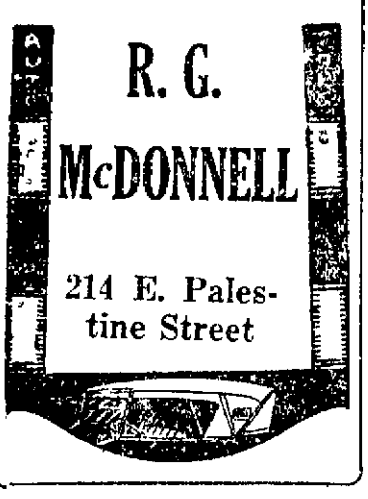
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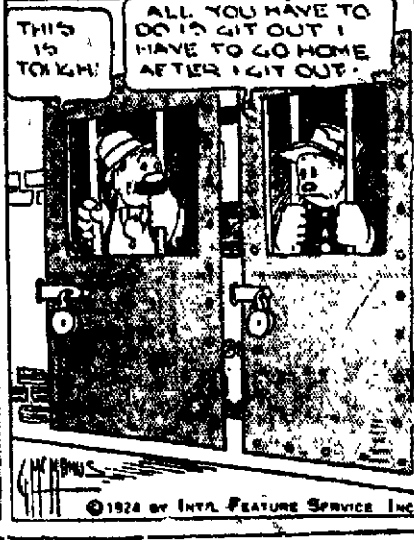
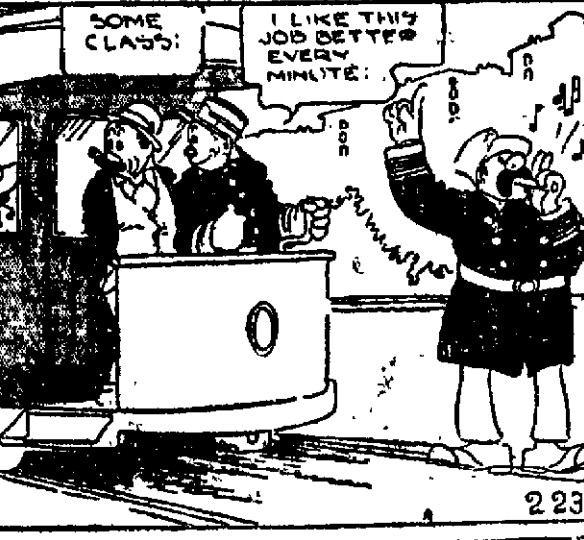
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NOTICE
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NOTICE
We have sold the business known as The Bon Ton Bakery, to Prop Bros., they taking charge of same on 14th day of February, 1924. We will not be responsible for any debts or contracts entered into after above date. Bon Ton Bakery. 15-10
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
STATE OF TEXAS.
City of Mexia,
County of Limestone.
On this 11th day of February, 1924, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, convened pursuant to adjournment in the City Hall, E. Watson, Mayor, W. C. Wilson, Commissioner, and J. R. Forrest, Commissioner, being present, and among other business transacted, the following ordinance was passed:

AN ORDINANCE
An ordinance ordering a special election in the City of Mexia, Texas, on the 18th day of March, 1924, for the submission of the question, "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING FROM THE CITY OF MEXIA AT LARGE A CHARTER COMMISSION OF NOT LESS THAN 15 MEMBERS AND DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH SAID ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AND APPOINTING PRESIDENT OFFICERS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."
WHEREAS, the City of Mexia,

Texas, has more than 5,000 actual bona fide inhabitants, and whereas, since its incorporation the City has been operating under the General Statutes of Texas, and without a Charter, and whereas, it will be of the best interest and general welfare of said City to adopt a Charter, and thereby confer upon said city the full powers of local self-government, as contemplated and authorized by Article 11, Section 5, Constitution of Texas as amended in 1912, and all laws pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of February, 1924, the following request was made to the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, for action:

"We, the undersigned resident citizens of the City of Mexia, Texas, hereby respectfully request the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners to submit to the voters of said city the question whether a commission shall be chosen to frame a charter for said city, said question to be submitted at the first opportunity time," signed by W. J. Keeling and 97 others, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, by a unanimous vote of its members deems it advisable to order an election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the question "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER," and for the purpose of electing 15 members from the City at large to compose such Charter Commission, and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election in and for the City of Mexia, cannot and will not be held until the 9th day of April, 1925, which will be more than 90 days after this ordinance shall have been passed, and it being, therefore, impracticable and impossible to hold this election herein provided for at the next regular municipal election, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas:

Section 1. That a special election be held Tuesday the 18th day of March 1924, in the City of Mexia, Tex., for the purpose of submitting the following question, to-wit: "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER?"

Section 2. That at said election also, there shall be elected from amongst the qualified voters of said city at large 15 Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to frame, report and submit such Charter, in case of a majority of the qualified voters at said election shall vote in favor of the proposition, to choose a Commission to frame such Charter.

Section 3. That the following shall be the term of the ballot to be used in determining the questions provided for in the sections 1 and 2 hereof, at said election, to-wit: "FOR THE CHOOSING OF A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS."

"AGAINST THE CHOOSING OF

A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS.

Provided that if any person or persons shall desire to become a candidate or to nominate any person or persons for candidates for members of the said Commission they shall file such names with the City Secretary of the City of Mexia, Texas, not later than the 14th day of March 1924 at 5 o'clock; and the names so filed shall be printed on said ballot in the appropriate blanks, following the provision for an affirmative vote. And in such case, it shall be proper and sufficient for the voter, voting for said Commission to strike out the names of persons for whom he does not desire to vote, and it shall be proper also for such voter to add to the list of names which may be printed on said ballot the names of other persons for whom he desires to vote, and, in case no name shall be printed on said ballot, as herein provided, the voter shall write thereon the names of those for whom he desires to vote for as members of such Commission. Provided further, that the failure of any voter to vote for as many as 15 separate persons for members of such Commission shall not invalidate his ballot.

Section 4. That the polling place for holding said election shall be the City Hall in the City of Mexia, Texas, and H. L. Hall shall be the presiding officer to hold said election.

Section 5. That said election shall be held under the provision of Chapter 347, Acts of the Legislature of the State of Texas of 1913, Regular Session; and all persons qualified to vote in said City, under the laws of this State, regulating general elections, shall be allowed to vote.

Section 6. That the manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas, regulating General Elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the law herein above recited.

Section 7. That notice of said election shall be given by publishing this ordinance under the style: "NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION," in the Official Newspaper of said city, published in said city, for thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election, and shall serve as legal notice of same.

Section 8. The fact that the City of Mexia, Texas, is at the present time without a Charter, and that the public interest requires a Charter, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the rules requiring ordinances to be read upon more than one day, and for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance and such rules are hereby suspended, and it is ordained that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Enacted and approved this 11th day of February, 1924.
F. WATSON, Mayor.

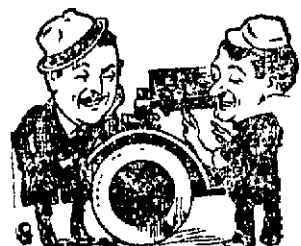
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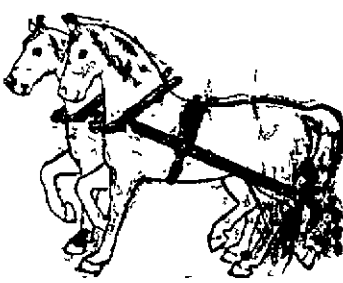
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MEXIA GUN CLUB TO HOLD FIRST ANNIVERSARY SHOOT FRIDAY MARCH TWENTY-FIRST

The Mexia Gun club will hold its first anniversary shoot Friday, March 21st, the club being one year old on that date. Quite a little interest is being manifested in the coming event and visiting shooters will be in attendance from Groesbeck, Teague, Wortham and other neighboring cities.

ELKS DANCE FRIDAY A COMPLETE SUCCESS

The George Washington Dance given at the Elks Club rooms last Friday evening from nine to one was a complete success and was attended by what is said to be the largest crowd which has ever attended a dance given by the club. The rooms were decorated in the patriotic colors of red, white

GUSHERS LOOK GOOD BEFORE "PLAY BALL" IS SHOUTED; OLD MEN ARE SIGNING UP

By HEK JR.
I dropped around to see Gray Forrest, Saturday morning and found John Sanders, Rex Forrest and himself discussing the possibilities of a championship team for the Gushers this season. They all gave me instructions to tell the followers of the great national pastime that the pitching ace of the Gushers, and one of the leading twirlers of the T. A. last year had just put his John Henry on the little dotted line of the contract. Friday, To make it more clear and not to keep you all guessing we might as well say that Clarence Tiner will be on the roster of the Gushers for this season. They say that it was very amusing to hear him relating his experience in the Pacific Coast League and he is just tickled to death to know that he will wear a Mexia uniform again this season. Quite a few of the last years men have sent in their signed contracts and will be back to help the Gushers win a pennant this season.

France Adopts New Program

By WEBB MILLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
PARIS, Feb. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies, after an unprecedented session which lasted through the night, at 7 a. m. today adopted the Government financial program.
The vote was 354 to 218.
The chamber voted on more than 100 articles during the night. Dawn found many dozing in their chairs and attendants had to awaken them at the roll calls.
Despite exhaustion Premier Poincare kept his seat throughout the session and made a brief speech before the final vote.
There already are rumors of happy results from the work of the commission of experts examining Germany's capacity to pay reparations, the Premier said, adding, however, that France must be prepared to bear for certain time the effects of Germany's defaults.
The experts, Poincare believed, will end the possibility of defaults in the future.
"It is to cover that period of default, however, that I have asked the chamber to vote these new fiscal measures" (the Government financial program) Poincare said.
The program as adopted contains many important measures for bolstering French credit and defending the value of the franc, which slumped to nearly 25 to the dollar early this week. The last article of the project authorized issuance of seven billion francs in short term 1924 treasury bonds.
SCIENCE DEFEATING ...
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Once a year Uncle Sam posts the returns from the relentlessly waged battle between Science and Disease and Death.

To his legions of physicians he says:
"You are winning here," or "You are losing there." And in the sectors where the fight is going in their favor, they press it more vigorously, confident of their tactics. Where it is going against them, they take counsel and seek new methods of attack.
Uncle Sam, through his Census Bureau, has just published the returns for the year, 1922. Battle lines are being reformed accordingly.
Science and medicine, his figures show, are slowly winning against tuberculosis, the dread "white plague," which, for so many years, took the heaviest toll of all diseases; against diseases of early infancy, and those which permanently impair little children sometimes, such as scarlet fever, whooping cough, and diphtheria; against typhoid fever, purpural septicemia, and in preventing death through certain accidental causes.
But, according to his returns, the battle is not going so well against other major diseases. The fight seems to be losing against diseases of the heart, influenza and pneumonia, nephritis and Bright's diseases, cancer, diabetes, syphilis and many forms of accidental death.
The death rate of the 37 states of the United States which comprise the death registration area of the nation, from which the Census Bureau's figures are drawn in 1922, was 11.8 per 100,000, a slight increase over the low rate of 11.6 established in the preceding year. Actual deaths numbered 1,101,863 in 1922 against 1,032,000 in 1921.
To a heavy increase in the death rate from influenza and pneumonia, which jumped 50 per cent in 1922 over 1921, the bureau attributes the entire increase in the national death rate in 1922.
Yet the figures for the nation as a whole are so encouraging as to cause medical officials of the government to regard the relatively poor showing against the major diseases, excluding tuberculosis, with equanimity.
Losses sustained against heart disease, nephritis and cancer, they say, are, in themselves, an indication of general progress in the battle. More people are living to the age at which they are liable to these diseases, they contend, and in great measures their increase indicates, not so much that the diseases are on the upgrade, but that science has prolonged many lives to years in which these diseases make progress. A quarter century ago the death rate was 30 per 100,000, now it is 11.8.
So the battle continues. In recent

years, the average life has been lengthened by it from 42 years to 53 years, according to the insurance companies who deal in death. Science will confine itself to further study of those recalcitrant ailments which now seem to take the crowning years of life, with the expectancy of raising the average human life well above the Biblical three score years and ten. The goal now set is 75 years. Uncle Sam will tabulate the progress toward it.
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FOR RENT—Five room house with bath and all modern conveniences. C. Felz, 208 South Bonham. Phone 2434
FOR RENT—Nice three room furnished apartment. Modern conveniences. Close in. 411 E. Main. Phone 2411
FOR SALE—\$150 cabinet Victrola, almost new and 75 records. \$50 cash. Bargain. 302 South Red River. 2432

WHITE GIRL TO KISS NEGRO ACTOR IN SHOW PLANNED TO OPEN IN NEW YORK SOON

By FRANK GETTY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Art stepped across the color line Friday and Mary Blair, white actress, consented to play the lead in Eugene O'Neill's forthcoming play opposite Paul Robson, full-blood negro.
Action of the piece calls for Miss Blair to kiss Robson, who is first her lover, then her husband as the drama of mixed marriage, "All God's Children Got Wings," unfolds.
A storm of criticism has been evoked by insistence of the producers, the Provincetown players upon casting the negro for the leading male part.
Several actresses refused to play opposite him in view of the story which calls for the white girl heroine gradually losing her mind as she lives with her negro husband, until as the final curtain falls she abuses herself and kisses his hand.
Miss Blair consented, but refused to say what her feelings on the matter were. She is a Northern girl.
The management, commenting upon the interest, protest and, in some quarters, indignation, which the casting of the play has produced, said:
"Paul Robson, the negro actor, is a man of histrionic ability and a fine gentleman. We expect to open the play at our theatre shortly after March 10."
The story of the play is laid in New York in the section known as the "black and tan belt." Eight children—four white and four black—play together and Jim, the negro boy, and Ella, the white girl, are childhood sweethearts. Later she takes up with a prize fighter, then elopes with the negro lover of her youth and they go abroad.
It is after they return to New York to the "black and tan" neighborhood where they live with Jim's mother and sister, that Ella gradually goes insane, brooding on the race problem. At the end, Jim, who has an inferiority complex, as they say in Greenwich Village, fails to pass his bar examinations. Ella is so happy that she falls to her knees, kissing her black husband's hand.

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NEW RAILROAD CASE INTERESTS THIS SECTION

Glen Rose Banker Arrested In Murder Case

Evidence Heard By Texas Commission Overwhelming Favors Outlet To Pt. Arthur

By B. F. STOLLENWERCK

When it is explained that the records in the case of the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine Railway case are very voluminous, and that they are developing a line of testimony that will likely consume ten days of the time of the Texas State Railroad Commission in hearing, it can be readily understood that the record is far too large to report on in any considerable detail, unless it were covered in a series of articles, in fact it has been decided to cover the matter in just such a series of three or four articles, this one being the first.

In the first place there is no development in even remote prospect that is of such far reaching importance to the civic and commercial development of Mexico, and it is therefore apparent that every citizen who has the interest of the community at heart should at least study the proposition to the extent of familiarizing him or her with the salient facts. In arriving at complete understanding it is necessary to go into detail, but every effort will be made to avoid tiresome recounting of "dry" facts that are not pertinent.

The Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine Railway has lines extending from Trinity to Colmesneil, Texas and from Weldon to Livingston, Texas. Get a map of Texas and locate these two lines. The first mentioned line was for years a part of the M. K. & T. system, but in the re-organization recently worked out by that system, was not included in the re-organization scheme, but was sold to Col. R. C. Duff and associates, and made a part of the W. B. T. & S.

The other line from Weldon to Livingston, via Trinity, was built as the Beaumont & Great Northern, was an independent line and was built with the avowed intention of reaching from Beaumont to Waco. The road was built from Livingston to Weldon, but during the financial stringency in the war period, money was so tight that further construction Northwest of Weldon was temporarily abandoned, and that point has remained the terminus for several years. Recently Col. R. C. Duff and associates purchased both these lines, which had passed into the control of the Katy, and merged them into the present system known as the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine, and the purchase was made with the avowed intention of building from tide water at Port Arthur to Waco. This consolidation was a long and tedious process. It was first necessary that a bill be enacted by the Texas Legislature authorizing the purchase and consolidation, it had to have the approval of the Governor and the Texas Railroad Commission. Some months were consumed in the final consummation of this procedure, notwithstanding no very apparent opposition existed to the plan at that time.

The next step was to procure from the Interstate Commerce Commission (which body will be hereafter referred to in the articles as "ICC") permission to build the road, which is known as a "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity." That permission was obtained and the builders of the line began to work out immediate plans for the improvement of the existing lines and further extensions, as planned, when the Kansas City Southern appeared on the scene as protesting the permission to build into Port Arthur and it seems that legal procedure requires that the ICC reopen the case, which is the case now being heard at Austin. In this case the W. B. T. & S. is known as the Applicant and the Kansas City Southern is known as the Protestant, fighting the application of the W. B. T. & S. to build into Port Arthur.

The Texas Railway Commission is acting as Examiner for the ICC, and is hearing the case, ruling on the admissibility of evidence, etc., and the complete transcript of the case will be sent to the ICC in Washington, who will examine all the records in the case, and render a decision. This decision will be forthcoming at the

convenience of the ICC. It may be thirty to ninety days and these cases have been known to take longer than six months.

The different phases of the case will be described under three heads, as follows: the next article will relate to the testimony as concerning Port Arthur as another port open to the commerce of Central and West Texas, the next as related to the probable development of that portion of Texas southeast of Mexia and finally to Mexia and Waco.

The present article will be concluded with the statement that Col. R. C. Duff, the present head of the W. B. T. & S. is a practicing attorney of considerable means and influence who has been a resident of Beaumont for many years, and is now living in Houston. No man in Texas stands higher with his home people and the company he represents is exceedingly fortunate in having him at the head of its affairs. He bears the reputation in Beaumont of being a lawyer who would not defend a criminal whom he knew to be guilty, and whose reputation in other respects conforms to that. The testimony as developed at Austin seems to the writer to be overwhelmingly in favor of the Applicant, and confidential information gathered there seemed exceeding encouraging to Mexia's chances to secure the line. It will naturally take a year or two to work out all the proposition, but it will be worth many thousands of dollars to Mexia in the end.

ROBINSON SAYS COOLIDGE NOW IS COURTING DISASTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Coolidge is courting political ruin by keeping Daugherty in the cabinet, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, democratic floor leader, said in a Senate speech. Robinson's speech was delivered following a White House announcement that Coolidge had endorsed Daugherty as the Coolidge delegate from the Ohio national republican convention. This followed a defense of Daugherty by John T. Adams, chairman of the republican national committee. Assaults on Daugherty are conducted by "political blackguards and scandal mongers." "It must be clear to everybody, Robinson said, that as long as the president retains as an intimate political adviser a man who has lost his confidence and the confidence of the people, it is calculated to work out the political ruin for the executive." Impeachment proceedings against Daugherty was suggested by Senator Borah on the senate floor as the only way the investigation can go forward by impeachment said Borah.

THREE MEN DIE WHEN BOILER EXPLODES

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Feb. 23.—Three trainmen were killed at Hominy, near here, late yesterday when a Katy switch engine exploded while enroute to the repair shop at Osage. The boiler of the locomotive was hurled a hundred feet and a short stretch of track torn up. Cause of the explosion was unknown, according to railroad officials. They are:

W. H. FRENCH, engineer.
G. F. PHIPPS, fireman.
L. F. PARGON.

All were from Parsons, Kansas.
Mrs. T. A. Stewart of Austin is a charming guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ennis this week end.

ROUND-THE-WORLD AVIATORS PLAN FLIGHT.



The United States Army's "Round-the-world" fliers are shown in conference, in Washington arranging the details of their epochal journey and receiving final instructions before setting out in the "Douglas Cruisers" to circumnavigate the globe. They are shown here, left to right, looking over their route: Lieutenant John Harding, Jr.; Lieutenant Erik H. Nelson, Lieutenant Howell Smith, Major Fred L. Martin, in command of the expedition; Lieutenant Leigh Wade, Lieutenant Leslie P. Arnold and Lieutenant Clair D. Schulze.

Blake Smith Honored By Friends And Business Associates On His 42nd Birthday Last Friday Night

NEW COURSE FITS BACHELORS FOR MARRIAGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—"Men, take a second look at that woman you marry her," advises Carroll M. Gibney, educational director of Central Y. M. C. A. Brooklyn.

Gibney, announcing a course to prepare bachelors for marriage, says: "DON'T: Marry for sex attraction alone. Fail to run your household on a budget system. Expect your wife to conform to the 'single standard' of morality if your own is double."

Put off marrying until you are earning \$4,000 a year. Pay more than 30 per cent of your income for rent in New York, or 20 per cent elsewhere.

"The course will last six weeks and will give single men a 'knowledge of the economic, physiological and psychological aspects of marriage, as well as training in care and education of children.'"

Forty-two Club Entertained

Friday afternoon Mrs. J. K. Hughes entertained the forty-two club with a delightful party at her home on South McKinney Street. George Washington's birthday was carried out in the color scheme, and the decorations were cherry blossoms and cherry fruit in green settings. There were forty-nine guests present, and twelve tables of forty-two. The small cherry trees on each table and bud vases were given as prizes. The favors were exquisite corsages of sweet peas and ferns.

A course consisting of nut salad, rolls, olives, pickles, and tea was served, followed by cream and cake, the latter carrying out the Washington motif, in the continental buff and blue colors. The cream was molded in the shape of Washington's bust, and was buff in color, while the cake was blue.

Benton Jones left Friday for Moran where he is interested in oil field development.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wright of Denton are in the city visiting relatives.

Blake Smith is 42 years old. He has birthdays just like the rest of men. He was apprised Friday night that these were the facts in the case when about a score of his close friends gathered in his lovely home for one of the most unique affairs in which a citizen of any community, outside of political life, has ever figured and been honored.

They came from all walks of life and professions, old timers and new comers to express by their presence and word and hand clasp and smile the joy that was theirs in paying a worthy honor to a plain, unpretentious, modest, unassuming, optimistic, generous hearted, honorable and successful business man, fellow citizen and true friend.

He began to "smell a mouse" about 6:00 o'clock when he received a telegram from his brother, Ben, at Dallas, expressing regret that he was unable to return in time for dinner and to enjoy the pleasures of the occasion. He said that it was after dinner time then and he knew there must be something unusual or Ben would have never referred to a "Dinner" at supper time. E. L. Smith, however, passed it off lightly and sought to satisfy the nervous Blake.

Then the next thing he began to smell was such southern delectables as fried chicken, and all the accompanying accessories, the odor of which he declared made sweet music in his nostrils as soon as he arrived at his home, after a day assisting E. L.

Mrs. Smith had been informed beforehand of the plans of the business associates and a few close personal friends of Blake and the house was placed in order, the feast prepared, and the success of the evening was due in no small degree to the direction and services of Mr. Smith's better half.

There was no mishap nor near mishap, whatever in the plans except that of Dr. Oates, which he claimed full responsibility for when he tried to rush things up a couple of days and have Blake's birthday on the twentieth instead of the twenty-second of Feb. His admittance into the Rusk street home Friday night met no obstacle.

The handsomely appointed home beamed a welcome to the guests, every room of which was thrown open to them and which they explored freely throughout the evening.

At 7:30 the guests entered the dining room, where two decorated tables were soon lined with hungry appetites, Blake, as honoree of the occasion and host combined, was seated at the head of the table. On his right was the ever present E. L.

Grace was appropriately spoken by

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WALSH SEARCHES FOR FACTS IN SCANDAL

By PAUL R. MALLON

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—"Get facts that will make legal cases for prosecution."

This is the purpose of Senator Walsh, leading crusader in the naval oil reserve investigation as he completes today his program for next week's probings of the Teapot Dome committee.

Walsh, who has returned to Washington after a week's absence to study the scope of the inquiry, is bent upon getting the investigation out of the realm of gossip and fancy and return it once more into channels that will dig at the fundamentals of the scandal.

VANDERLIP SAYS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS FAILED

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Department of Justice itself now must be investigated, Frank A. Vanderlip told the Masonic Club at Ossining continuing the campaign against corruption in the government. The machinery of justice has failed to bring forward for trial men whose names appear from prima facie evidence, he said.

SPENCER TO BE TRIED FOR SWINDLE

FT. WORTH, Feb. 23.—W. B. Spencer, charged with conspiring to defraud J. Frank Norfleet, Hale Center farmer of \$45,000, will be tried in criminal district court here March 4. Spencer and three associates were accused jointly of the swindle.

WHITE BOYS ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER OF NEGRESS

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 23.—Two white youths are charged with murder in connection with the death of Druthella Robinson, 14, a negro girl struck on the head with a rock. A third suspect is sought by officers. The boys are charged with attacking the girl and her mother when they alighted from a street car with a volley of rocks.

Literary Club Gives Washington Program

The T-A Literary club of McKinney Street Grammar School met in their English room February 21st and gave the following program in remembrance of Washington:

1. Sayings of Washington.—Madie Mae Thornton
Tom Hanks
Janist Baird
Johnnie Cundiff
Onell McClanahan
Clyde Wesson
Joe Hathaway
Edward Hamm
Bowman Snider
Barker Preddy
2. Tributes to Washington.—Trudie Mackey
Irene Westmoreland.
Bower Crider
Corine Stevens
Esther Earl Sharp
3. Estimates of Washington.—Fay Smith
Leona Gillen
4. Incidents in Washington's Life.—Barker Preddy
Madie Mae Thornton
Bowman Snider
Wayne Laird
Edward Hamm
Margaret Smith

—Reporter.

OIL PROMOTER IS CONVICTED OF FRAUD

TEXARKANA, Texas, Feb. 23.—Reginald C. Houston, oil promoter, today faced three years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. He was sentenced in federal court here on 22 counts charging fraudulent sale of oil stocks. Another two-year sentence for conspiracy was made concurrent. He will leave soon for Leavenworth.

Petty Crimes Sweep City

A petty crime wave seems to be sweeping over the city in spite of the strenuous efforts of the officers to control it. They state that practically one day out of every week is consumed in tracing down thieves of small articles and administering justice to the offenders. These are mostly small children, both white and black, but often older persons are convicted. John Young, a negro man, was arrested on the charge of stealing a dress coat which he sold to a man here in town, and was placed in jail Saturday to await the action of the Grand Jury at Groesbeck.

JITNEY DRIVERS ARE

HAPPY IN DALLAS
DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—The section of the highway law providing that automobiles used for hire shall pay, besides the regular registration fee, a tax of four dollars annually on each passenger carrying capacity, was held unconstitutional in Judge Watkins' district court.

Mrs. C. W. Crone returned Saturday from Corsicana and Dallas where she had been spending the week with relatives and friends.

Watson's Death Leads To The Arrest Of Seven

GLEN ROSE, Texas, Feb. 23.—J. A. Milam, president of the First National Bank, has been jailed in connection with the murder of Richard Watson. Milam is the seventh man to be charged in connection with the murder.

Watson, who was the state's chief witness in a number of cases against bootleggers, was shot down near the city square Thursday night.

Twenty bootleggers whom authorities suspected in connection with the killing were arrested. Of this number, seven formally charged with the murder.

They are:
Dr. W. B. Pruitt, Murray West, Wil. West, Senley West, brothers and Charles Moss and Grady Moss, brothers and J. A. Milam.

BLACK CATS WIN ONE OUT OF TWO FROM MARLIN

By NOODLES

The proteges of Ernest H. Potect, high school mentor, were out for revenge Friday afternoon and night against the Marlin Hi Cagers and they threw a fit into the Marlin aggregation during the first quarter of the afternoon by running up a score of 14 to 2 and for the first half the score stood 18 to 12. But during the second half their defense became weak and the Marlin aggregation won the first game by the score of 27 to 23.

The second game was one of the best games ever seen on the High School court and the Marlin team never had a look in the bucket except for a short time during the first half. The first half ended with the score standing 20 to 9 in favor of the Black Cats.

The whole Black Cat team played excellent ball during the whole fray. Treadway was the high point man for the locals with 13 counters, but Lucas came a close second with 10. Their passing was very good and Treadway shot goals from practically every angle on the court as did Lucas.

This concludes the basketball season for the Black Cats and Coach Potect will start track and baseball with in the next week or two if the weather is permitting for outdoor work.

Young People Meet With Rev. And Mrs. Victor K. Aubrey

The Central Presbyterian Christian Endeavorers and their friends were entertained with a Washington's Birthday social, Thursday evening of February 21st, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. V. K. Aubrey. About thirty guests registered in the guest book, presided over by Mrs. R. E. Hickman. The house was decorated with hatches, cherries, and red and white carnations. Games and contests and music furnished the amusement. Miss Elise Gibson rendered several popular numbers on the piano. Mrs. V. K. Aubrey read by request. Sandwiches, ice cream and Washington Birthday cake were served. Mrs. R. E. Hickman assisted Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey in the entertaining.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS

Thursday afternoon the ladies of the Civic Club and the Friday Club met at the Public Library to consider plans for the beautifying of the Hughes City Park. Committees made their reports but on account of the condition of the weather no definite procedure could be decided upon.

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BANNERS OF DESTINY

When a group of school children marched down Commerce Street Thursday morning with their placards announcing the things that they stood for, we suddenly had a strange vision of that same red-blooded army in the years ahead, marching on with their placards still raised demanding as the citizens of Mexia, the health, the higher ideals, the patriotism that they had marched for on that cold February morning so long ago.

But will they carry the same placards, and will their dreams and hopes still be the same or will they be smirched and lowered by the years that have slipped in between? Will they have fallen out of the ranks, and drifted along the sidewalks, content with less than the best, and counting costs more than the results that wait for them at the end?

In a magnificent building on Red River Street, in a building on McKinney Street, and in another on Sumpter Street the future of this city is being molded. The lessons of leadership, the lessons of disciplinship, the lessons of citizenship, are being taught. The destiny of Mexia is in their hands, and the banners they are taught to bear now will be the banners that will wave over our city when they have come into full leadership.

These banners are not only being made in the schoolroom but there are others who are assisting in the task. The great printers who are designing and lettering them are the teachers, the parents, and all other beings with whom

they come in contact. Some of the plans will come from books left by great men, others will come from the trash that these young citizens pick up and read with zest, and most of them will come from the life that they come in direct contact with, and conditions as they are presented to them, by actual surroundings. Burbank has said, "If we paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds."

CITIZENSHIP

Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair
THE GOLDEN RULE OF
CITIZENSHIP

Americans are taught from their youth onwards, that competition is necessary to the health and progress of the nation, or as Herbert Spencer puts it, "Society flourishes by the antagonism of its atoms."

But the obvious golden rule is that co-operation is good and competition bad, and that national greatness is fostered and flourishes by the mutual aid of individual citizens. So well known is this principle that in all great military or commercial enterprises, individualism has been subordinated to collective, obedient and harmonious action. We have discovered, as Americans, that a house divided against itself is certain to fall.

A community divided by internal feuds and torn by factional fighting cannot hold its own against a united people in some other community. We know that in a baseball team, a regiment, a ship's crew, a school or in any successful business organization that the "antagonism of atoms" would mean defeat and failure. We know that a nation composed of antagonistic citizens, would be ruinous to national perpetuity.

As Robert Blanchford has said: "We know that if men are to be found and govern cities, to build bridges and make roads, to establish universities, to sail ships and sink mines, and create educational systems and policies and religions, they must work together and not against one another. Surely these things are as obvious as the fact that there could not be a hive, unless the bees worked as a colony and on the lines of mutual aid."

Co-operation is a principle of citizenship which cannot be violated without dire consequences to the nation.

BLAKE SMITH

Dr. Oates, following which the company present made advances probably unequalled since the historical charge of the Light Brigade.

When the last of the many courses had been served, Garland Adair arose and told Mr. Smith that the moment now had arrived when he should be told just what a great man he was.

He explained the purpose of the assembly as follows:

"The place to take the true measure of a man is not in his office, not on the streets, not in the dark spots, not in the amen corner at church, but by his own fireside. Knowing that Blake Smith is 42 years old today; that he has so far lived his life here in Mexia, where born and reared and that he had stated that he expected to continue to live here the rest of his years, these gentlemen, friends and business associates, decided to come in his own home, around his own hearthstone and at his table and find out for themselves whether he was an imp or an angle, a cur or a king, a hero or a humbug."

E. L. Smith was then called upon to tell whether he was "the carpenter or the carpenter's assistant." The reference being to the war time story of the man who unable to find employment elsewhere, took the advice of a friend and went to the ship yards and got him a job as a carpenter, which he was not. He got a board and hammer and walked about the premises. In a short while he was joined by another man, who didn't have anything in his hand but who shadowed him closely all the first day. The next morning, this was repeated until the "carpenter" growing more uneasy all the time, stopped the fellow in a dark passage and said, "Look here, I want you to tell me what you mean by following me around this way?" "Why don't you know who I am?" asked the second party, to which the first speaker replied, "No!" "Why, I'm your assistant" came the quick reply.

E. L. was unable to state just who was the carpenter in their relations. He paid a high tribute to his associate in the E. L. Smith Oil Company and inseparable companion and friend. During the many years of dealings to-

gether, E. L. stated that there had not been an instance in which they 'locked horns' but that their dealings together had always been happy and he was glad to say, of the most honorable kind. He joined in the general pleasure of being present in honor of Blake and wished for him many more birthdays and pleasures.

David Murphy was next called upon as "another assistant of Blake."

He stated that he had known Blake practically all of his life and his parents before him, at the same time paying a high tribute to his ancestry. "I rejoice in the success of Blake Smith just as much as I would at my own success" he said, emphasizing this remark by stating that he meant that in all earnestness. He was referred to as the type of man whom success does not ruin, a man, however successful in financial affairs, always had time to check up on the things that money cannot buy and nourish them with plenty of the milk of human kindness.

Following these remarks, others were called upon at Random until every one of the seventeen who surrounded the table had spoken from sincere hearts of their love for this splendid type of citizen, of the pride that was theirs in having been closely associated with him in a business and friendly personal way, and quite a number confessed that all they have in the way of financial success was due to Blake Smith. Ringing through

out the talks was an informal sincerity which spoke more than volumes, stressing the simplicity, generosity and optimism of the man honored.

J. K. Hughes stated that he had known Blake Smith ever since he had come to Mexia, that it was a pleasure to him to be a fellow citizen with him, to work with him for Mexia, and to watch him prosper in business and join in the expressions of regard and love offered by others who had already spoken his sentiments.

A. H. Berry, in speaking of Mr. Smith, stated that Blake had contributed most helpfully in the organization of the company with which he was associated and that he knew of no one whom he would go to quicker when worried or in distress than to Blake Smith. He called attention to his modesty in all his dealings, to his optimism, to his unselfish generosity, when a man needs a friend and when citizens are wanted in a common cause.

J. Desenberg, was called upon, as one of the citizens whom Mr. Smith had agreed to let have some of the wealth of the community and who had known him much longer than the most of those gathered. In responding, he stated that Blake Smith was a gentleman of the highest type and a man whom Mexia was proud to call all her own.

Weaver Barnett was introduced as a man who had often been caught in the office with Blake and E. L. Smith

and who might be able to tell something unusual, if he only would. In Continued on Page 8

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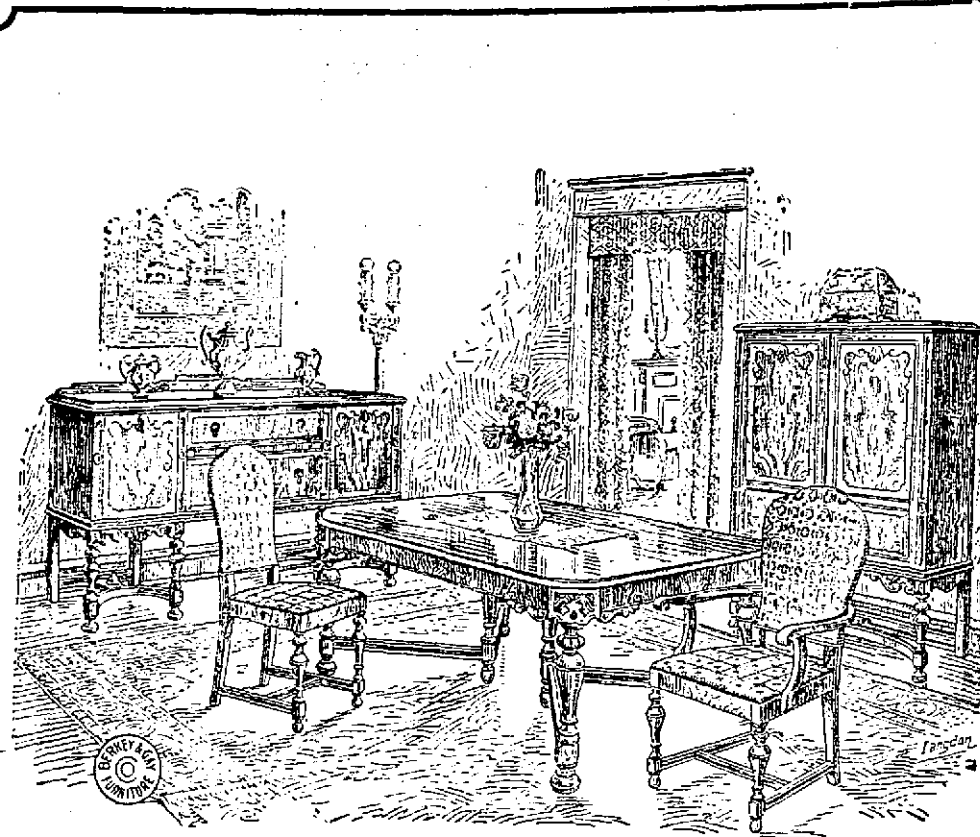
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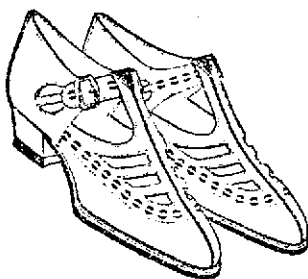
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Business Girls of Carroll Club Find Substitute for Palm Beach In Own New York Swimming Pool



THE Florida east coast may have its attractions for society misses and matrons when the snow furries in the North, but the business and professional young women of the Carroll Club of New York, whose work keeps them at their desks, have found that their swimming pool affords them an excellent substitute for the beaches of the South.

The Carroll Club was founded several years ago by Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady, prominent New York society leader, for business girls whose limited incomes denied them the opportunity of joining one of the expensive women's social clubs of the city. In dedicating the club to the memory of her mother, Mrs. Mary Carroll Garvan, Mrs. Brady provided for certain definite cultural and educational aims in the charter of the Carroll Club, as well as for the usual social and recreative advantages.

The growth of the club has been steady and its popularity is attested by an active membership of more than 1,500 enthusiastic girls. In the field of social and educational development among New York's feminine working classes, the Carroll Club has achieved the distinction of being the pioneer.

Housed in the building formerly occupied by New York's famous Colony Club, once the center of the social whirlpool, the Carroll Club is one of the few remaining monuments to the craft of Stanford White, the architect to whom New York owes the Pennsylvania Terminal and the Public Library. It is pure Colonial in style and looks oddly out of place in the midst of a seething commercial neighborhood, hemmed in by towering mercantile structures.

To the girls of the Carroll Club, however, this only enhances its attraction. They troop in every afternoon and evening, tired mentally and physically after strenuous hours in their downtown offices, to enjoy the quiet of the lounge or reading room, the soothing effect of the swimming pool, the excitement of basketball or gymnasium, or the diversion of mah-jong and bridge.

The swimming pool is one of the most popular of the club's attractions. Surrounded with tall French mirrors and brimming with clear, almost sparkling, blue water from the Croton lakes, it is considered one of New York's most beautiful pools. The Carroll girls take to it like ducks and as an indication of their keenness for water they are rapidly developing an excellent swimming team.

In other fields formerly occupied exclusively by the opposite sex, the Carroll girls are showing aptitude and ability. They have already produced one of the best feminine basketball teams in New York; they have a number of stellar performers in handball, tennis, squash and golf, a first rate hockey team and a crack indoor baseball team.

UNITED PRESS DAILY LETTER

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 23.—Three hundred head of cattle in Alameda county will be killed after being pronounced by veterinarians to be suffering from hoof and mouth disease. This is the first serious appearance of the disease among cattle on the Pacific coast and a livestock quarantine has been placed in Alameda county.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 23.—Because he is alleged to have sent out false information John Frederick Wright, correspondent of the Chicago Tribune will be expelled from Mexico, it is understood here. President Obregon approved application of Article 33 of the Mexican constitution against him. An official bulletin issued by secretary of the Interior referred to Wright as an enemy of Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Jack Dempsey will defend his heavyweight championship in bouts with Tommy Gibbons, Luis Firpo and Harry Wills this summer. Jack Kearns his manager announced here while on a visit to the capital. Kearns will meet Tex Rickard Monday when he expects to get some definite understanding on the new matches, he said.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—School children should be given a course in puzzle solving, members of the national puzzlers league decided at a meeting here. They contend it would aid in straight thinking. The league spent most of its time at its 80th semi annual convention in deciphering cryptograms left by Francis Bacon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Wall street reports betting odds even on chances of Wm. G. McAdoo and Governor Al Smith receiving the Democratic presidential nomination.

SAN DIAGO, Calif., Feb. 23.—Race fans saw one of the most unique races in local turf history when the first Old Nag event was held. Twenty-one decrepit horses, ranging in age from nine years up, tottered to the barrier for a day of youthful glory before thousands of spectators. While the elderly equines capered about, a band played "Old Gray Mare" and "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." Jockeys, some of them tipping at 200 pounds rode in the race.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—Local contracting firms have been awarded the task of erecting a \$350,000 hotel in Corsicana. Work will start early in March. The hotel will have five stories and a basement and will be put up on a lot 100x100 feet. One of the features of the new hotel will be bachelor apartments on the second floor.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—More than 100 delegates from all parts of the state are expected to attend the first convocation of the newly created Texas province of the Alpha Tau Omega college fraternity to be held here on February 29 and March 1. Many prominent Texans, alumni of the organization, have been invited to attend the meeting.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—Little two year old Pearl Corbett saw a jar of coal oil on the floor at her parents' home and decided she was thirsty. After she had drunk a quantity of the kerosene, her mother discovered Pearl's beverage and called a doctor. Use of stomach pump soon had the little tot back to normal.

Jere H. Cason returned Saturday morning from Austin where he had been attending a meeting of delegates from the different Lions Clubs in this district, presided over by Colonel Louis C. Perry, district Governor of the Lions International. Mr. Cason reports that the meeting was entered into with lots of vim, vigor and vitality and that the outlook for the organization seems brighter than ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith returned Saturday morning from Dallas where they had been since Tuesday.

Masonic Patriotic Program at First Methodist Church

Notwithstanding the threatening weather, sickness in the city and some other functions, the First Methodist church was comfortably filled Friday night by members of the Masonic fraternity and their families and friends to witness the Educational and Patriotic program arranged by Springfield Lodge No. 74, A. F. and A. M., in celebration of Washington's birthday.

Hon. Mike Thomas of Dallas, past grand master of the Texas Grand lodge, past officer in all Scottish Rite bodies, and who says he has taken all degrees conferred in Masonry, including Buckingham, was the honor guest and the principal speaker of the evening. He was brought over from Waco in the afternoon and entertained by the committee appointed for the purpose at an informal banquet at the Majestic cafe. This committee was composed of J. D. Arrington, Frank Bolton, J. F. Denning, Ben F. Stollenwerck, Geo. M. Tidwell, M. B. Webb and N. P. Houx.

At 8 o'clock as Mrs. Roy Akin commenced to play the Dextology on the new pipe organ, the Eastern Star, led by the efficient worthy matron, Mrs. Oscar Denning, entered and took seats that had been reserved for them.

Rev. W. B. Andrews offered the invocation, and Frank Bolton acted for the worshipful master, Colon S. Phillips, who was sick, and explained the objects of the meeting.

Rev. Andrews delivered a short and splendid address on "Equality and Enforcement of Law," after which the members of the Eastern Star led in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Mr. Thomas then spoke for more than one hour and delivered a splendid address on "George Washington, The Mason." He told how Washington had gathered around him members of this great fraternity that takes the Holy Bible as its rule and guide, and laid the foundation for the greatest

nation under the fairest government ever known. His splendid address was given the closest attention throughout and was freely complimented.

After another song "God Be With You," led by the Eastern Star, Rev. Andrews pronounced the benediction, and there was an informal reception for Mr. Thomas, many taking advantage of the opportunity to meet this distinguished Mason and splendid christian gentleman.

B. W. Collier Has Birthday Dinner With Few Friends

Friday, February 22nd was Mr. B. W. Collier's 77th birthday, and he celebrated the event by having a few of his friends come and take dinner with him. His daughter, Mrs. J. M. Tidwell, prepared the feast at her home on South McKinney street, and the invited guests who availed themselves of the invitation were Messrs Warren Steele, John Melton, D. A. Waler, J. P. Yeldell, A. J. Cox and N. P. Houx, who enjoyed the feast and the company to the limit.

Mrs. Tidwell was assisted in the affair by her husband, Minor, who brought the guests to their home in his car, and by her daughter, Miss Louise, in serving the dinner, which was all that any one could wish.

There were two big turkeys—one to decorate the table with and one carved to eat, and it was thought at one time that the decoration would have to be cut into, when John Melton announced that he had not eaten anything for two days, preparing for this happy event, but the numerous trimmings and accessories saved the day and all had a sufficiency without disturbing the other bird.

Mr. Collier was the recipient of many congratulations and good wishes for many more birthdays, and Mr. and Mrs. Tidwell were declared to be past masters as hosts.

Jim Stanberry is on the sick list at present.

Jack Womack who has been in the Baptist Sanitarium at Fort Worth for the past several weeks, has returned to his home and the News is glad to report that he is much better. Mr. Womack is one of our most valuable citizens and when he is out of the city, he is always missed by his many friends.

Major Herbert Murphy, adjutant of the Cadet Corps at A. and M. College, came up Friday to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Murphy. He was accompanied by Lieut. A. D. Magruder, of San Antonio, also in the cadet corps.

Jesse McLendon who has been confined to his home for the past few days was able to be at his place of business Saturday.

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Patterson's Column



FRIDAY IN this column

I WROTE about O. O.

McINTYRE WHOSE

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REGULARLY IN the Fort Worth

STAR TELEGRAM and today

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McINTYRE?"

THE ANSWER is read his

COLUMN AND see for he is

THE MAN who takes the

COMMONPLACE EXPERIENCES

OF ORDINARY folks in

EVERY DAY life and weaves

INTO THEM the golden threads

OF ROMANCE

"CUSTOMER" ASKS also if

I AM a Ku Klux and do

I HATE JEWS and Catholics?

THE ANSWER is

I AJNT and I DONT

I HATE racism and such but

TWO of the things I hate

IN THE world is a

A BAPTIST in doctrine!

BELIEF I am not at present

IN THE church

I AM NOT a member of

THE KU KLUX KLAN nor have

I EVER tried or been

INVITED TO join but—

I KNOW many excellent

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ships. A bookstall attendant wears a blue uniform with brass buttons on the waist. When the Empress of Canada left New York recently on a voyage around the world, she was the first Canadian vessel to commence such a trip with a regular book store and experienced attendants as part of her equipment. She carried, also, a well equipped free library and the globe girder have 1,300 volumes, many of them on travel, at their service so that they can become well posted concerning a country before the ship reaches it. The books on travel were selected from an interesting list compiled by Fanny Butcher, literary editor of the Chicago Tribune. This list has been published by the Canadian Pacific in a brochure entitled "Ports of a Thousand Romances." Canadian authors have been given due prominence in this floating library, and the world's "best sellers," modern and ancient, are touring that world on its shelves.

BAYLOR CHORAL CLUB COMING MOSTLY WITH TEXAS GIRLS; ON ITS 8TH TOUR OF TEXAS

All except two of the girls of the furnishes a spirited introduction to Baylor College Choral Club which will the program.

The program is the group of songs taken from recent operas and musical comedies, "So This Is Venice," by Miss Angeline McCrocklin of Louisville, Ky., Miss Lorene Miller of Cooper and Miss Lucile Sumner of Nacogdoches is undoubtedly the most modern and most chatty number of the popular group.

Miss McCrocklin has been pronounced by Galli Curci as one of the most remarkable young singers in America. Miss Gladys Hood of San Antonio will take the solo part in "Columbine" from Beggars Opera and Miss Corrine Jinks by Adelaide Winch of San Antonio, a violin solo by Miss Virginia Marcus of Marble Falls, a reading by appearance on the platform. The Miss Lorene Miller of Cooper and a song was written by a Baylor College student two years ago and is the favorite of the Baylor student body. It

Probably the most popular part of the program is the group of songs taken from recent operas and musical comedies, "So This Is Venice," by Miss Angeline McCrocklin of Louisville, Ky., Miss Lorene Miller of Cooper and Miss Lucile Sumner of Nacogdoches is undoubtedly the most modern and most chatty number of the popular group.

Buildings bought for wrecking purposes if reasonably priced. Frank McKelash, Box 156. 24-4

Heck Tells Why Baseball Meet Was Called Off

By HECK

The scheduled meeting of Mexico Baseball Fans at the Hurdleston Hotel last Monday night was called off as you know for many reasons with old man Bad Weather running first in the Handicap, but to me I have a sneaking hunch that Jess McLendon had a sore tonsil and couldn't sing; Dock Jackson had a flat tire and Frank Cogdell burned his tongue with hot soup and couldn't say "hod ziggiddy"—any one of these would almost cause Congress to recess so it's a cinch it would blow up our baseball meeting. Now the meeting will be held next Monday night, February 25th at 7:30 p. m. at the Elks Club and everybody knows where the Elks Club is, so I don't have to tell you. I don't know just what the local club bosses have up their sleeves but I can promise you that there will be no Shenanigans, Gimicks, Whangdoodles, Deep Stuff or anything like that pulled on you and no one will be allowed to talk who has his fingers crossed. The whole thing is this: They want you fans to congregate and go over the whole baseball situation with them and they want your opinion upon a lotta things—whether your opinion amounts to a darn or not, they want it. Now, there wasn't enough showed up last Monday night to even interest a promoter of a rooster fight but I'm expecting a whole flock of you to be present next Monday night at the Elks Club and if Old Man Flu will let go his strangle hold on me, I'll be there in a bunch, so make up your mind to be there, you fans, and let's get this matter settled pronto.

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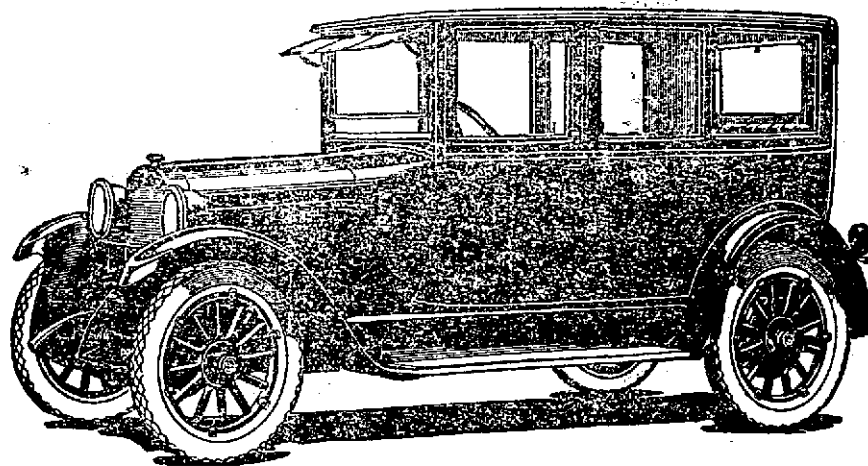
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Better Chances For Pitchers In 1924

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Better pitching and a corresponding decrease in mile and two-mile hitting may result from the decision of the major league executives to be more thrifty in the use of balls next season.

Since the rule was passed against any and all kinds of tampering with the ball, the umpires had become almost fanatical in keeping in play a spotless ball, which, in the strictest interpretation of the rules, could mean nothing but a new ball.

After a ball had been slightly turl-stained or roughed up a little by a smack against the wire or the stands, it was thrown out of play and a new ball tossed to the pitcher. Batters could portest against a ball and invariably it would be thrown out, even if there was a question about it.

This resulted not only in a very material increase of expense in providing balls, but it imposed a handicap upon all the pitchers, as every one who has handled a baseball knows it is much

more difficult to control or put a hop on a new ball than it is on one that has been roughed up enough to get a tight purchase on it.

Veteran pitchers, or those with several years' big league experience, were better able to meet the handicap than young pitchers coming up from minor leagues, where the umpires were not so opposed to the keeping-in play of a used ball.

There seems to be little doubt among the players that the ball is more lively than it used to be and, of course, this contributed toward the increase in long hitting, but the lively ball could not have been entirely responsible for the general let down of pitching.

American League umpires were ordered by Ban Johnson late last season to keep the balls in play as long as possible, and it is understood that the National League umpires will be instructed to do the same next season.

There are no figures to show what effect Johnson's orders had on hitting last season, but the pitchers agree that they were able to pitch better with used balls.

and recall that Poincare ditched these recommendations.

They admit there is perhaps more leniency in France now than there was then. Then fall of the franc has caused a certain uneasiness in France. But they estimate that the gulf between French finances and French politics is too great to permit of a real settlement of the reparations problem now.

The gloom of the above cited authorities is not shared, however, in all German business circles. In many quarters there is an almost uncanny optimism as to the future. And there certainly is full confidence in the rentenmark. The population is no longer tormented with the woes of a falling currency and this has caused a considerable light to dawn in a hitherto cheerless gloomy atmosphere.

TEA DRINKERS MEETING IN N. Y.

NEW YORK.—A conference that will decide what kinds of tea American tea drinkers will be permitted to have during the coming year convened at the customs house here Tuesday.

The meeting is of the board of tea experts appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in conformity with the tea inspection act, to select official standards for tea imported into this country during the next season.

Standard of purity, quality and fitness for consumption of all teas entering the United States will be measured, selected and recommended to Secretary Wallace for approval. The approved standards will go into effect May 1.

The tea inspection act requires fixing of such standards to prevent importation of impure teas, dangerous to health. New standards are chosen each year to vary with the crops and changing conditions.

A wise man says just enough and then puts the lid on.

How much louder it sounds when some one else slams the door!

Youthful Editor Had The Nerve And 'Comes Back'

BONHAM, Texas, Feb. 23.—The "Pathe Sun" has again made its appearance on the streets of Bonham after a hard fight against adverse circumstances by Joe Lair, its 13-year-old publisher.

Lair, who holds every position from editor to reporter on the paper, started the publication in January, 1923. But so many things came up to occupy his time that after a few flourishing months he was forced to suspend publication.

Now, with prospects bright on every hand, Joe has again put his paper into circulation. It is issued weekly and consists of eight pages, four columns to the page. It is neatly written in colored pencils and well edited. The editorial policy is: "To say what I please and what I believe to be the truth."

EARLY SPRING

There is a faint green veil high in the tops Of elm trees, and the yellow daffodils Have opened gold beneath my window ledge, And there is green upon a distant hill.

A thrill runs shivering through the damp, cold earth. Dead smells are gone, the air is clean and sweet. Some hand has drifted violets thru the leaves, And sprinkled daisies at my eager feet.

—Sadi Kirgan.

There is no objection to other people's thinking what they like—just so they refrain from thinking out loud.

And the sweetness of some women reminds us of sugar-coated pills.

U. S. OFFICIALS IN BERLIN FEAR SMASH

BERLIN, Feb. 22 (United Press).—American officials here believe that Germany's temporary return to "normalcy" is dangerously liable to be followed by a terrible smash.

Some of these authorities on whom the American government relies for its information as to German conditions foresee that an era of starvation—even in the agricultural communities—can ensue. Thier view is very pessimistic. They fear that unless an earlier reparation settlement comes, conditions similar to the famine in the Wolga district will arise within the German farming provinces.

Farmers, they fear, may plant less for their next harvest than they have hitherto done. Such a course would naturally bring with it a famine in the cities, too, as Germany never has been able to produce enough grains and meats for her populace.

At the moment, Germany's visible supply of meats and grains is surprisingly large. The food stores are crammed to overflowing with the plenty of the land.

But, it is explained, this plentitude is due to a dumping process on the part of the big land owners. For a time they held back their wares, as they did not care to accept falling market prices.

The Market Flooded. With the introduction of the rentenmark they flooded the markets with their goods. But they killed too much cattle, it was claimed.

This pouring of cattle and grain on the city market is destined—still in the opinion of American officials—to lead

to a serious collapse probably only a few months hence. The reason for this excessive slaughter of cattle lies in the fact that the landlords were compelled to gather hastily money for new taxes.

It is foreseen, however, that the agrarians will reach a point where they say that there is no profit for themselves, but that instead their substance is eaten up by too heavy tax burdens.

If they reach this point, it is then figured that they will adopt the scheme of the Russian peasants, namely, the planting of less acreage and the slaughter of fewer cattle. The results of such a policy would clearly be catastrophic.

The rentenmark is now thoroughly stable. The nation has confidence in it. But those who delve beneath the surface realize that it is only a transitional currency and that a stable gold money must be introduced. Moreover, an excess of exports over imports and an excess of state income over outgo must be achieved if actual stability of currency and conditions is to be had in mid-Europe.

Reparations Failure? American officials have confided to callers their pessimism over the prospects of a satisfactory reparation solution. Both the American and German authorities anticipate that General Dawes and his assistants will make drastic recommendations which if adopted by France, would lead to a healing of the German economic situation.

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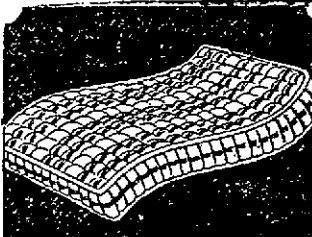
Worship and preaching at 11:00. Subject of sermon: "The Three-fold Secret of a Great Life" from Phil. 3:13-14.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30. W. B. Landrum, president.

Preaching service at 7:30. Subject: "News of a Far Country."

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator LaFollette took command of the senate in an effort to oust Attorney General Daugherty from the cabinet. Belief has grown in administration circles that if Coolidge does not yield this week and dismiss Daugherty by that the president will stand by the attorney general until he has a full hearing before the Senate committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—John T. Adams, chairman of the republican national committee, came to the defense of Daugherty when he said he would issue a statement tonight on behalf of the committee. "It is absurd to talk of dismissing a man who has not had a full hearing and an opportunity to defend himself."

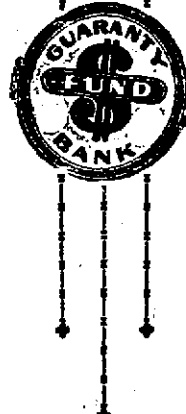
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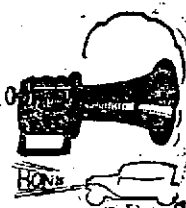
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Compare me with my rivals, I'll be running when they're done. Come in, NOW, and buy me, then you'll really have your fun. I'll never fail you, Mister, I'll be ready when you are; When you buy a "STUDEBAKER"—"OH BOY!" You've got some car!

There's a Studebaker for every use; Light Six, Special Six, and Big Six, and we have fourteen different body styles.

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MEXIA, TEXAS

THIS IS A STUDEBAKER YEAR.

High School Announces Honor Roll For Half Semester

Seniors Plant Trees Around Campus On Arbor Day

The following students have made an average grade of 90% in at least four subjects with no grade below 80 for the entire half year semester:

Joy Adams
Clara Belle Bybee
Lola Cochran
Benjamin Davis
Opal Hale
Hazel Horn
Elizabeth Jones
Marianna Murphy
Virginia Rollins
Pauline Stephens
Mary Porter Travis
Francis Vickers
Josie Wright

ARBOR DAY PROGRAM

A very unique program was given by the Seniors for the Juniors Thursday in keeping with Arbor Day. The Seniors planted a tree, handing the spade with the Senior colors on it to the Juniors to keep and protect the tree with. Next year this class of Juniors as Seniors will hand the spade down to the class below them, thus establishing a custom to be long remembered in old Mexia High School.

Robert Storey, president of the Senior Class made a short talk telling the purpose of the tree and the reason for planting it. This talk was followed by several humorous burials of different troublesome Senior subjects. Miriam Bass buried a tiny pony, significant to Latin students; Marguerite Franks, a test tube remembered by all Chemistry students; Machon Forrest, an English classic; Velma Wallace a compass, known to all Math students; J. L. Gatlin an outside reading report for History, something we are all familiar with; Herman Adams a "Detention Card," familiar to almost every student in M. H. S.

Aileen Tittle then presented the Senior spade and Marvin Bennett, president of the Junior Class accepted the spade. A short talk by Mr. Andrews followed, and then Mr. Puckett addressed the students in his pleasing and instructive manner. The program ended with the singing of the school song and of "America."

Central Presbyterian Church

"A Friendly Church"
McKinney and Carthage streets.
Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Bible classes for all ages.

Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.
Communion Service "Doing Our Best for Jesus." Message by pastor. Presenting gifts for Christian Missions.

Junior Endeavor, 3:00 p. m.
Senior Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. "Overcoming Obstacles." Sermon by pastor Solo by Mrs. E. A. Hampton.

Woman's Missionary Society, Monday 3:30 p. m.
Church Night, School of Missions Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice Wednesday 8:30 p. m.

It might be said, perhaps, that the man who passes a counterfeit bill effects a change of base.

Banker Delivers Address To Class At High School

At the request of Miss Whittaker, instructor of economics, Mr. David Murphy addressed the members of her class Thursday. Mr. Murphy's address was exceptionally suitable for its content and adaptability to those who heard it. He stressed the importance of certain apparently minor matters in the making out of checks and deposit slips and showed the pupils why these were important. In a broader way, he explained the nature of a bank as a depository and a lending agent, and emphasized the obligation which it is under to its customers. In closing Mr. Murphy gave the salient details of the Federal Reserve System, and paid tribute to Woodrow Wilson by saying that the Federal Reserve Act made American participation in the recent war possible, and that without the Federal Reserve the allies must have suffered.

The opportunity of hearing a practical talk from so able an authority as Mr. Murphy was considered by both class and instructor as being really educational.

Christian Endeavor Organized At First Presbyterian Church

The young people of the First Presbyterian church have organized a Christian Endeavor Society with the following officers:

Martha Mitchell, president.
Harold Wright, vice president.
Andrea Betts, secretary-treasurer.
Lurline Betts, organist.

The society meets every Sunday evening at 6:30, and complete the program before preaching time.

All young people in the church are urged to attend, and join the society, and if you are not a member of some other church you are invited to come and join this club.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday.

Woman's Home Missionary Society meets at Baptist Church 3:30 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Society meets at Central Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m.

Study Class of the First Methodist Missionary Society at the parsonage of the First Methodist church 3 p. m.

Tuesday.

American Legion meets at Legion Hall at 7:00 p. m.

Bridge Club meets.

Wednesday.

Prayer meeting at all local churches.

Thursday.

Rotary Luncheon at Majestic Cafe at 12:15 p. m.

7-A Literary Club at McKinney Street Grammar School at 3:00 p. m.

Friday.

Friday Club meets.

Lions Club Banquet at Reunion Clubhouse Friday evening.

All Scout Troops meet. Troops one and four at the Baptist Church, troop two at the Methodist church, troop three at the First Christian church. All meet at 7 p. m.

Saturday.

Junior Dramatic Club meets Saturday morning.

Economic conditions force 40 per cent of the school children to leave school.

CAREFUL TRAINING IN CITIZENSHIP AND BETTER ENGLISH DEMONSTRATED IN IMPRESSIVE SUMPTER PARADE

The pupils of the Sumpter Street School, demonstrating what months of careful training and supervision have done for them, gave one of the most splendid exhibitions Mexia has seen Thursday morning, when with flying colors they marched six hundred strong down Commerce street, not only to show Mexia what Sumpter Street School stands for but what the future citizens of Mexia are going to demand.

Despite the fact that the morning was gray and cold, there was an untold enthusiasm about the moving line of young Americans as they swung down the street bearing their posters with their slogans, "Down With Bad English," "A Yell and a Cheer, Better English this Year," "We are on the March for Better English," "To Read Good Books we Always Try, and Better English is Our Cry," "Get the Dictionary Habit." The younger grades carried clever little picture posters made by themselves illustrating the correct use of idioms. One little class displayed the tree of errors, a tree bearing "I seen," "I ain't," "I done," and other errors in its branches, with a child with an axe raised to cut the tree down.

The parade left Sumpter Street at ten o'clock. It was led by the Chief of Police, wearing a white satin badge with "Sumpter," on it, and riding a horse draped with the national colors. Following him was a car bearing on the back flags and a poster reading, "Sumpter Street School Stands for Patriotism, Health, Better Speech."

In the car was Mrs. White, President of the Sumpter Street School Parent-Teachers Association and Mr. Puckett, City Superintendent of the Mexia Public Schools. Each wore a white satin badge. Following the car came a child dressed as Uncle Sam, accompanied by a Red Cross nurse, representing the Good Health that Sumpter Street stands for. They were followed by two boys bearing the dictionary, decorated in red, white and blue.

The grades of the school then came in order, the little primary class leading. At the back of the line, barred from the regular line by a poster which read, "No Admittance to Sumpter Street School," came twelve boys representing Carelessness, Ignorance, Slang, and other undesirable qualities. Some feet behind this group came a

NEGRO BOY THROWN FROM CAR MAY DIE

Friday afternoon a colored boy, age about 16, was thrown from the running board of a car, said to be traveling at a high rate of speed on the Mexia-Tehuacana road, and seriously if not fatally injured. It is not known whether or not the negro is dead, but from reports of eye witnesses who were driving a car directly behind the one in which the boy was riding, he seemed to be dying when they left him. They reported that the car on which he was riding was, as best they could remember, a Dodge roadster, practically new, and that two men, evidently intoxicated, were in it. The car did not stop, they said, after the boy was thrown off. Officers are working on the case now.

Miss Edith Speer, who is employed in Cheeves Brothers office, is at home sick this week.

REV. G. T. REAVES ADDRESSES HIGH SCHOOL BODY THURSDAY

Thursday, February 21st, Rev. Reaves of the First Christian church held the devotional exercises at the Mexia High School and later gave an address in honor of our first president, George Washington.

Rev. Reaves said that the qualities that gave Washington his commanding position were courage, determination and faith in himself, others and God. Washington stands preeminent in these virtues just as his monument stands with its head in the clouds at our National Capital. America has but one great shrine, the unpretentious tomb at Mount Vernon. Rev. Reaves complimented the honor students and

urged them to continue to have faith in themselves and the courage of their convictions. In our early history Washington was the first national hero. Since that time when occasion demands it, God has always provided us leaders greater than the crisis. In our own day, when we needed a leader Woodrow Wilson was at hand. Rev. Reaves' address was thoroughly enjoyed by faculty and student body and his return is anticipated with pleasure.

SOCIAL MEETING

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Central Presbyterian church will have a social meeting at the church, Monday, at 3:30. All members and their friends are urged to be present.

THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Sunday cloudy probably rains in eastern portion. Somewhat colder in extreme northwest portion. West Texas.—Sunday partly cloudy and somewhat colder in north portion.

WATCH FOUND THROUGH CLASSIFIED AD

Mrs. Sophie Travis informed the News this morning that it pays to advertise as she placed a lost ad of a watch that was lost by her daughter, Miss Porter Travis that she had no idea of finding was informed the next day after an ad appeared that it was found and the watch was delivered to the loser.

Of total of \$478,000,000 of minerals mined in Alaska, \$328,000,000 was in gold.

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MONDAY - TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY

SAM WOOD PRODUCER
KATE JORDAN'S



WITH CONWAY TEARLE
LON CHANEY
DOROTHY MACKAIL
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LOUISE DRESSER

Kate Jordan's punch-filled drama of a wife's false step and a husband's faith. Played by a remarkable cast. Splendidly produced.

From the novel and play by Kate Jordan—Adapted by Monte Katterjohn.

Mexia Gun Club Announces

First Anniversary Shoot Friday, March 21st, 1924

Individual shooters and sportsmen from all neighboring towns are cordially invited to attend and help make this shoot a big success. There will be teams from the Groesbeck and Teague clubs and other entries can be made with the club secretary.

All Visitors Welcome

We are giving this shoot advance publicity in order to secure as big attendance as possible. We expect to make this the premier trap-shooting event of Central Texas. There will be quite a list of merchandise prizes donated by Mexia merchants for the different events. Don't forget the date, Friday, March 21st.

Shooting will start at 9:00 a. m. and continue all day at Gun Club Grounds Southeast of city.

Just Received Many NEW DRESSES for Spring Wear

In Sport and Dress Styles.

Priced from
\$9.75
to
\$39.75



—Dozens of these pretty dresses in exclusive styles. Beautiful colors and trimmings. Surprising values.

SPRING SUITS

Priced \$17.50 to \$37.50

—Suits are very good this season. And the minute you see these pretty little models in sport materials you will recognize them as exceptional values at the above prices.

New CAPES

at \$9.75 to \$24.50
—Beautifully made in the latest Spring materials and colors. Very moderately priced.

New COATS

at \$14.75 to \$24.50
—Of pretty sport materials in the lighter colors of Tan and Gray.

NEW SPRING HATS

—Just arrived. Poke shapes, Off-the-face Shapes and Little Turn-up Styles. Specially priced—\$3.95.
—Other hats including Paige, McElroy and Goldweb from \$5.00 to \$9.75

THE STYLE SHOP

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PHILLIPS Self Seller Grocery

Roscoe Cook named our store and received the \$10 worth of Groceries.

We carry a full line of Fresh Groceries, Fruits, Vegetables, Cured Meats, Butter, Eggs, etc. Come and see our place and look our prices over. Any business you will give us will be appreciated.



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WHAT an eyesore to neat housewives are dingy, marred floors! Scrub them, clean them all you will and they simply won't respond. And unless the varnish used is so high-grade that it withstands countless hostile contacts the floors will always look the "worse for wear."

Pee Gee Floor Varnish solves your problem of "how to keep the floors ALWAYS presentable." It dries with a high gloss, is water and mar proof. It stands the going and coming of countless feet—will not peel or crack and scratches never show white.

For a lasting and beautiful finish it has no equal

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Through A Woman's Eyes

SCRAPBOOKS

By SADI KIRGAN

When Elbert Hubbard went down on the Titanic he left behind a collection of poems and various clippings in a scrap book. He had not contemplated that they would ever be printed. He was making instead, a collection of the best that many men and women had said, for his own reading, the thoughts and ideas that he needed to steady him as he went about his tremendous work.

After the loss of the great journalist the scrap book was printed. It presents a marvelous arrangement of bits of literature from lilt of every day verses of contemporary writers, to the most exalted moments of the greatest classical genius. None of

them were chosen with random but all with the painstaking care of a man who was seeking none but the best.

All people make scrap books. I do not mean with scissors and paste, and printed lines. We collect each day the things that are to be our inspiration and our guides in the days and the years to come.

We may collect the beauty of a sunset, or the slime beneath it; the thoughts that quicken life from a real book, or the things that drag it down from lines of trash. We may collect the poetry of friendship or the doggerels of the will and dislike.

If our ship went down without warning, as Elbert Hubbard's did when the drifting iceberg shattered the great Titanic, what kind of a scrap book would we leave behind?

DEVELOPMENT IS PLANNED FOR BIG LAKE SECTION

BIG LAKE, Texas, Feb. 23.—A million dollars will be spent by the California company in development work on the Marathon Fold during the current year according to the latest reports. This company it is understood is a subsidiary of the Standard of California and with a recent purchase now have leases along the Fold in Terrell, Reagan, Crockett and Mitchell counties. A large amount of the production in the latter county is controlled by them.

These recent purchases in this section consisted of 16 sections, 12 of which are located in Block 7 and consisting of numbers 32, 33, 34, 35 and sections 29 to 27 inclusive. Sections 13 and 14 in Block 8 were purchased for a consideration of \$7.50 an acre, this land being southwest from the producing territory of the Big Lake Oil company. A section was also bought in Block 11.

A number of wells will be drilled in the near future by this company, it is reported the first of which will be in Block 8. The Mid-Kansas and Texas companies are also very active in this field they having checker-boarded both Reagan and Crockett counties. The geological staff of the Texas interests are now in the field working on what appears to be a large structure south of here.

Chief interest continues however to

be in the Shannon No. 1 well of the Crockett Drilling Syndicate, which is believed to be located on the apex of the Sheffield Terrace. Considerable delay in the completion of this well has been caused by water trouble it being necessary to pull the 8-inch casing. A leaky joint of pipe is thought to be causing the trouble.

In the proven territory the Big Lake Oil company has spudded in their No. 6 and are preparing to start drilling operations on the No. 7. These wells are located southwest of the discovery well. Derrick timbers for the 116 foot rotary derrick of the Wade Drilling company are now on the lease and work will be started immediately.

Should this heavy type rotary be successful in cutting the hard formations several more it is expected will be moved into this field to hasten the work. The rig will drill to 2950 feet and the well completed with cable tools.

As a result of the activity in this section a number of supply houses are preparing to open stores here. A machine shop is also needed as tools are now being hauled to Eastland and Ranger for repairs.

The Chamber of Commerce will also issue a circular dealing with the leasing of university lands for the convenience of the operators. This information has been requested from the State Land department.

E. L. Smith left Saturday night on the mid-night train for San Antonio to join his wife and son, E. L. Jr., who are spending several weeks in that city.

The United States hold in reserve more than two-thirds of the world's gold.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

TEAGUE

A meeting of the Fair Directors of the Freestone County Fair Association was held at the city hall immediately following the Lions Luncheon Club of which the Directors were guests last Friday.

At this meeting the dates for the fair were definitely set for the week of September between the 15th and 20th. David Lemon who was secretary for the Fair last year was re-elected to that office for the present year.

The First National Bank has made some improvements in its building and fixtures which are attracting widespread attention, evidenced by the letters received from other banking institutions over the state. According to Bank Examiner J. L. Penix, the bank is one of the most attractive small town banks he has ever seen in Texas.

In reply to a letter from City Manager E. B. St. Clair addressed to the Lone Star Gas Company relative to a gas supply for the city of Teague the Company replied that owing to their disappointment in the matter of obtaining a dependable gas supply in the Powell-Mexia district there was not sufficient pressure in their lines to get a supply to Teague.

An Art Exhibit was shown at the High School Tuesday consisting of over 100 Colonial prints loaned the school for a short time by the Colonial Art Company of Oklahoma, the fine Art Collection donated to the High School last year by Miss Helen A. Saunders, and other beautiful collections.

The grounds of the City Hospital are being beautified with trees and shrubbery planted about the drives and walks that have been laid out in a manner calculated to cope with the best landscape planning jobs in the country. Experts were hired by the Board of Directors to plan the work.

FAIRFIELD

A. C. Dunn, special organizer of the Salvation Army was in Fairfield Tuesday organizing this county and collecting funds for the annual drive to aid the many worthy institutions and causes supported by the Army in this state. Tom Lindley was appointed County Vice-Chairman; H. L. Williford, H. B. Steward and T. S. Watson, committee for the county.

The Kirven Basket Ball team, after winning the county championship in the county finals at Wortham recently went to Calvert Friday where they won third place in the district.

HUBBARD CITY

The city primaries will be held here February 26th. Little interest is being manifested in the matter. There are four aldermen to be elected. The four retiring officials say that they do not wish to offer for re-election and as yet no one has announced as a

candidate.

A meeting of the Hubbard Poultry Association was called Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the secretary, to consider the proposition made by one of the local business men on marketing the surplus eggs and chickens.

Quite the most unique (costume) musical program was given on Thurs-

day evening at 7 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church when Mrs. E. M. Davis presented her piano pupils in recital. The unusual feature of this program was that each pupil represented a country carrying this out in detail in costume as well as in music.

A small vice in a great man is equivalent to a hole in a silver quarter.

The new assembly hall was dedicated this week at the A. & M. College of Texas and takes its place in the college group of buildings as the fourth modern fireproof or semi-fireproof building. It will be used for all informal meetings of students and officials, including picture shows and various kinds of entertainments. It cost \$30,000 and will seat 2000.

China's newest department store in Hankow is to have a theatre, a concert hall and other entertainments for the amusement of its shoppers. The Wing On company, conductor of department stores in Shanghai and Hong-Kong, has acquired about two acres of land on the main street of Hankow for the erection of the several buildings.

Hats Blocked and Suits Pressed In Ten Minutes

We take great pleasure in announcing an entirely different, greatly simplified combination Hat Renovating and Blocking Machine. This machine is the result of two year's of experimenting by a man who has been in the hat renovating and blocking business all his life.

Here is the one and only machine which completely blocks and flanges every kind of hat—men's, women's or children's—without the aid of irons or shackles, and that it is guaranteed by the largest company of its kind in the world.

Straw hats, panama hats, all kinds of men's and women's felt and velvet hats—every kind of hat made can be completely cleaned, reblocked, renovated and made to look exactly like new. Remember that this machine, because of its exclusive patented features, thoroughly dries out the hat, sterilizes it and eliminates entirely all odor. The finest white felt or panama hat can be cleaned on the Hoffman without the slightest chance of any discoloration.

All next week we will have with us an expert from the factory who will block the FIRST FIVE hats received each day free of charge. We will at all times have an experienced man in charge of this machine which will insure you the very best of service.

And we will do cleaning and pressing of suits the same as ever.

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In a Range of Prices Sufficiently Great to Please the Most Discriminating!

Dame Fashion has been exceedingly good to us this season! We say good because she has furnished us with such wonderful collections of New Spring Dresses which we will be able to sell at such attractive prices.

Just a few words about these Dresses. A glance will reveal to you the many new materials of which they are constructed: Roshanara, Crepe Romaine, Flat Crepe, Satin Back Cantons, Canton Crepes and dozens of different combinations, made into much desired little styles for the present season. Colors for the most, are bright; Paislees, Ma Jongg, Mexico, Henna, Orchid, Grey and Jade are some of the leading shades, with dozens of other colors used profusely in trimming.

We could write pages about these dresses but our efforts in words would fail to do justice to many of these models. Let us urge you to see our wonderful collection at your earliest convenience.

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\$ 12.50
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44.50
49.50

—In addition to these groups we have many of the more expensive models which we shall be pleased to show you.

BLAKE SMITH

responding, he stated that he admitted that he had been in the offices of these gentlemen on numerous occasions, as a director in their company, and that he had never discovered anything but the most honorable conduct in their affairs; that he trusted them implicitly and even when he was secretary of the board, he would often sign any statement requiring his signature, which Blake had passed on, even without reading it beforehand. He said that his presence in Mexia was due in a large way to the encouragement and co-operation of Blake Smith, referring in this to the earlier remarks by Mr. Berry.

It was left to Tracy McKenzie, however, to call to the attention of those present that Blake Smith had more to do with the discovery of the Mexia oil field than any other man in Mexia or elsewhere. He clinched this statement with a brief and interesting, happily phrased recital of the early days of the gas field, the beginning of the oil field, and when Blake's optimism and nervous activity had played so prominent a role in discovery and development.

Phil Kanner followed with a feeling statement of regard which men feel for another, when the bonds of friendship have been welded since boyhood days. He was a playmate of Blake Smith, long before the time spoken of by Mr. McKenzie. He also attested his value to the city in the co-operation extended to business men, and was glad to be a member of the party honoring him on his 42nd birthday.

George Petty concurred in all that Mr. McKenzie had stated, adding that he had known Blake when he was not a man of means and that he was the same genial, cheerful, plain, agreeable friend today as he was then. Success had not spoiled him.

Walter K. Boyd followed Mr. Petty, stating that he had to be mad before he could make a speech; that he was not mad now, but was feeling mighty good. He then called attention to the fact that Blake Smith does many things for the good of Mexia, which the town never hears about. As an example, he cited the co-operation given financially to the News Publishing Company, because of which the company could publish the Mexia Daily News—a town builder. He also paid a tribute to Mrs. Smith.

Tavis Morrow was called upon, as one of the new men of Mexia. He stated that he could say what he thought of Blake in a very few words; that he had found him to be an unusual type, a citizen and a friend of inestimable worth and one whom he was proud to have an opportunity to honor.

W. B. Kendrick called to mind the help that Blake had been to him, stating that it was through his services largely that he had won his first success in business in a larger way; and that this came through his ownership of the lease which has been a factor in the oil field, which Blake had induced him to buy, prior to the discovery of oil.

Dr. Oates was called upon to tell whether there was anything wrong with Blake, he being a doctor ought to know. He joined the others in the high praises extended and shared in their pleasure at being present.

By this time, Sanford Smith was getting uneasy for fear that he would not be called upon and told what the doctor did not tell. He then told of some of the escapades of youth of his brother Blake, and agreed with everything else that had been said about him.

Dr. Lemmie Metcalf, with more time to get ready to speak than the others, being the last one called upon, delivered a very splendid talk, stating that he was not only a neighbor to Blake but knew him by marriage and that he knew him, he thought, might well. He concurred in everything said and went even further, if such a thing was possible.

Blake was then presented with a

Central Presbyterian Ladies Enjoy Study of Korea Missions

A most enjoyable and inspirational program was that held by the ladies of the Central Presbyterian church last Monday, at the church, when Mrs. Allen Hatch conducted the study of Korea—one of the most interesting of mission fields.

Mrs. Victor K. Aubrey presented an address on "The Awakening of Chosen," followed by a discussion of Schools and Hospitals in Korea.

Mrs. W. W. Wallace presented a paper on the Oriental Five Note Scale, in which it was brought to the attention of those present that oriental music was monotonous, on account of the five notes only used and that more hymn books were

needed. Mrs. Haston and Mrs. Wallace presented a duet in their lovely way, followed by a poem given by Mrs. R. E. Hickman on "If, for Missionaries."

The next number was a "Joyful Offering" by Mrs. Haston. Mrs. Warren Dale gave editorial notes from the Foreign Missionary movement.

A special missionary offering concluded the program. The next meeting will be the regular social gathering of the society with Mrs. Tom Babb and Mrs. R. F. Babb as hostesses at the home of Mrs. Babb on North McKinney St.

handsome smoking set, harmonizing with the lovely appointments of his home, which was given by his guests and friends, not because of its worth in money, but because it was a token and tribute of sincerity in what had been spoken. Since everyone present, by this time, had had a word to say, Mr. Smith then arose and with his usual modesty disclaimed any right to what had just been spoken. He said he was sure that they had just been talking, like he and Mr. Hughes, J. Decenberg and others talked recently before the American Legion when they pledged their financial help in building the War Memorial. He called attention to the silence that prevailed on that occasion when Mr. Shultz suggested that the checks be turned in then and there. Nevertheless, he stated that he was very grateful and hoped that part of what had been said was really true. He talked several minutes, reviewing many of the experiences called up in the talks made, stating that the others present and many besides that were responsible for the discovery of the Mexia oil field. He called attention to the fact that 100 citizens joined in the company which drilled the gas wells in the name of the Mexia Gas Company.

Following his remarks, which ended with a tribute to J. K. Hughes, Mr. Hughes spoke again and several others, it beginning to look like the crowd was determined to make two speeches or more the same evening, when the radio began to work and the guests left the table.

At ten o'clock the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram broadcasted the story of the banquet in honor of Mr. Smith, telling about many who were present, and a little later telephone calls came in telling of folks who had heard the broadcasted report and how glad they were for Mr. Smith.

He stated that there were many honors of Mexia whom he would have been glad to have seen present, and whom he would have been delighted to honor, but that he had had nothing to do with the affair before. He did not know of it and had consequently not discussed the matter with any of those who might have been responsible for the happy party which he would never forget.

Among those who were unable to attend, on account of other arrangements and duties, were: Jack Womack, Philip and Ben Smith, Jesse McLenahan, Dr. P. B. Jackson, Rev. W. B. Andrews, his pastor, B. B. Simmons, Ben Stollenwerk, and numerous others whose friendship Mr. and Mrs. Smith greatly cherish.

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William R. Wagner was here Saturday from Mart.



Dorothy Mackaill
in the Paramount Picture
"The Next Corner"
A Sam Wood Production

National Theatre Tomorrow

PRICKETT-PRESSLEY

Last Sunday afternoon Johnnie Prickett and Miss Juanita Pressley drove to Waco and were quietly married by Rev. W. M. Clark, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Waco, at the parsonage. The marriage took place at 3:30 after which the happy young couple returned to Mexia to make their home in the new bungalow built as a model home by J. K. Hughes under the supervision of the News Publishing Company.

The bride is a young lady of lovely charms and has a host of friends in the community. The groom is one of Mexia's worthy young business men. The happy newly weds are both receiving the congratulations of friends who wish them much joy and success and are glad to know that they are "at home" in Mexia.

MEASLES

Miss Madeline Beene, 20, of Shiloh, died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. H. R. Little at 804 South McKinney street Friday evening at 9 o'clock of measles complicated with lung trouble. She had been sick for only a short time and her death came suddenly and almost before the seriousness of her condition was realized.

Funeral services were held at her home at Shiloh Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and interment took place at Union cemetery, about four and one-half miles southeast of Teague.

Miss Beene was an employee of Cheeves Brothers here. She leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Beene, of Shiloh, and several sisters.

The family had moved into the Shiloh community but a year ago, from Union where the deceased was buried.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS

The Camp Fire Girls met at 4:30 Thursday afternoon and after a short talk by Mrs. Z. Rochelle the troop was organized with the following officers elected:

Josephine Harris, president.
Martha Mitchell, vice president.
Fay Overstreet, secretary.
Lila May's, reporter.
Jewel Thornton, treasurer.

KLANSMEN STAGE BIG

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 23.—Headed by a huge fiery cross and with the marching time snapped out by a sixty drum corps, approximately 4,500 members of the Ku Klux Klan, robed and hooded but with faces unmasked, wound through the streets here last night as the closing feature of the Street Klan convention.

N. C. Jewett, grand dragon of the Oklahoma, led the procession upon horseback while visiting members of the imperial family and other high Klansmen followed the procession in cars. Forty thousand onlookers thronged the line of march, which was without event.

HOUSTON, Feb. 23.—The Rice Institute cage team defeated the Arkansas University Razorbacks by a score of 30 to 19 here last night.

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—The Texas Aggies swept the Baylor Bear team off their feet and won, 37 to 13 here last night.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Coolidge filed his declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state through his Ohio campaign manager, Hoke Donithan.

George A. Lee is on the sick list since Saturday morning.

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REGIONAL CONFERENCES PLANNED FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH BY BAPTIST GENERAL STATE BODY

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—Six regional conferences will be held in six districts of Texas during the first two weeks of March by special speakers of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in the interest of the spring pay up campaign of the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign. The speaking tours are being directed by Dr. B. W. Vin- ing, conservation secretary of the convention and from four to seven ad- dresses will be delivered by the speak- ers in each region. The Baptists of the Associations in each district will be called to the rallies which will be held and the needs of the denomina- tion will be placed before them. The list of speakers include some of the most prominent ministers of the state.

The itinerary for region No. 1 in- cludes six addresses by Dr. Harold Ma- jor, pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist church of Dallas and Dr. Forrest Smith of Fort Worth. The itinerary of Dr. Major is as follows: Sunday, March 2nd, Mineral Wells, 11 a. m., and Monday, March 3rd, Weatherford, 3:30 and 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, March 4th, Denton, 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 5th, Gainesville, 10 a. m., Thurs- day, March 6th, Greenville, 10 a. m. Dr. Smith will speak at Decatur, Monday, March 3rd at 10 a. m.

The second group of addresses will be given by Dr. Wallace Bassett, pas- tor of the Cliff Temple Baptist church of Dallas. His itinerary is as follows: Monday, March 3rd, Wichita Falls, 10 a. m.; Tuesday, March 4th, Plainview, 10 a. m.; Wednesday, March 5th, Sweetwater, 10 a. m.; Thursday, Mar- ch 6th, Eastland, 10 a. m.; Friday March 7th, Cleburne, 10 a. m.

Dr. O. L. Powers of Wichita Falls will deliver the third group of ad- dresses speaking each morning at 10 a. m.; at Corsicana, Tuesday, March 4th; Hillsboro, Wednesday, March 5th; Waco, Thursday, March 6th; Temple, Friday March 7th; and Austin, Sun- day, March 9th.

Three of the fourth group of ad- dresses will be given by Dr. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Worth. He will speak at Canton at 10 a. m. Monday, March 3rd and at Terrell at 10 a. m. Tues- day, March 4th. He will speak at Paris at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 4th. Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Sherman will speak at Bonham at 10 a. m. Wednesday, March 5th.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shreveport will de- liver five addresses in the fifth region at district, speaking at 12 o'clock each morning. His itinerary is as follows: Monday, March 10, Waxahatche; Tues- day, March 11th, Bryan; Wednesday, March 12th, Beaumont; Thursday, March 13, Houston; Friday, March 14, Nacogdoches.

Dr. G. H. Crutcher, New Orleans, will speak at 7:30 o'clock four con- secutive nights in the sixth district conferences. His addresses will be as follows: Tuesday, March 4th, Big Spring; Wednesday, March 5th, Mid- land; Thursday, March 6th, Pecos; Friday, March 7th, El Paso.

Two new airplane lines, operating a twice-a-day passenger service have started in Russia.

HOW TO PLANT THE HOME GROUNDS

In planting shrubbery about the house to improve the home grounds, there are a few well-known rules that should be carefully followed. In the first place, never plant them in straight lines, but group them in ir- regular masses or as nearly like nat- ure grouped them as possible.

When using them for foundation plantings up next to the front and side of the house, plant the taller growing varieties back next to the wall with the lower growing varieties out in front. Also do not plant the higher growing varieties directly in front of the windows and doors, as it is not desirable for the view from the front to be cut off by these. If the foundation of the house is quite high, little or no attention need be paid to this point, but more often than not, the foundation is not sufficiently high to make this point one that may be overlooked.

Make Pencil Sketch of Grounds. Before selecting the kind of shrub-

bery to be used and ordering same from the nursery, make a careful pen- cil sketch of the grounds and indi- cate where each shrub or tree is to be planted, keeping in mind that the front part of the grounds should be kept almost entirely free of trees and shrubbery. Of course these may be planted on the side front, but not di- rectly in front as this would cut off the view, and that is undesirable.

Never plant shrubbery except in groups, unless it is some of the larger flowering specimens like Crepe Myrtle which can be used to decided advan- tage by planting it individually to the sides or to the rear of the grounds.

Never plant the shade trees in straight lines. Group them more or less in the way nature groups them.

Make Extensive Use of Evergreens. After the tentative sketch is made, indicating where the shrubbery and trees are to be placed, then select the kind and variety desired. It should be kept in mind that in the South ex- tensive use should be made of the evergreen shrubbery, both the broad- leaved evergreen and the Coniferous evergreen. As a rule one-half to two- thirds of the shrubbery planted on Southern home grounds should be evergreens.

The Abelia Grandiflora is probably the leader among the broad-leaved evergreens for use on Southern home grounds. Its leaves are a dark glossy green and stay on throughout the win-

ter. From early spring until frost it is a mass of beautiful flowers. It will stand heavy pruning and may be cut so as to grow high, low, or in any desired shape.

Some of the Leading Kinds.

Of the flowering shrubs that are not evergreens, Spirea is one of the leaders, and everyone should plant one or more clumps of this beautiful flowering shrub. Spirea Van Houtte, the common name of which is bridal bower, is one of the best. It produces a great mass of white blooms early in the spring. It grows quite high and a good arrangement is to plant the Spirea Van Houtte right next to the wall with a lower growing Spirea directly in front of it, such as Spirea Thunbergi. Then directly in front of the Spirea Thunbergi, plant a clump or group of the Abelia Grandiflora. This will give a mighty effective ar- rangement of these three shrubs.

Of course these three are only a few of the many varieties that are especially suited to the South. Others that may be used very effectively are some of the Coniferous evergreens,

particularly the American Arborvitae and the Golden Arborvitae.

Still other flowering shrubs that may be used to advantage are Weigela, Deutzia, Hydrangia, Golden Bell, Lilac and Honeysuckle. There are many others that are well adapted to the South, but these are among the lead- ers.

By choosing from the kinds and va- rieties of shrubbery named above and grouping according to methods sug- gested, one can, for a very few dol- lars, very greatly improve the ap- pearance of the home and add \$500 to \$1,000 to the sales value of the place.

The educational lives of A. & M. students were saved by the loans made from the ex-student fund which has been created by the re- cuperated association of former stu- dents. It is expected to increase this fund to \$50,000 by appropriating part of the dues of association mem- bers to that purpose and thus aid all worthy students who need loans.

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By SLYBOOTS

While coming down Commerce this morning on my way to town I fell in with John Sweet who while waxing reminiscent over the days before the oil boom told me a yarn concerning the Keys which I think good enough to occupy a few lines of print in this section.

One of the clubs of the city, he said, were putting on a play in the interest of charity and had selected as the play one of Shakespeare's immortal dramas. Mr. Keys, who had a part in the play as a page or some thing on the same order was supposed to enter the stage at a certain time and announce to the king that the queen had swooned.

At the time scheduled for his entrance he strutted in, garbed in all the gaudy habiliments of the period which the play was supposed to represent and, blushing at the plaudits of an admiring audience, bowed gracefully to the king, saying as he did said in a loud clear voice: "Sire, the queen has swooned."

There was a stifled snicker from somewhere in the audience and then a roar of laughter over the whole room.

Mr. Keys reddened to the color of a beet and tried it again, this time in shriller tones. "Sire, the queen has swooned."

"Come off, idiot," said Frank Bolton, who was acting stage manager, in a whisper that could be heard all over the room.

But Mr. Keys wouldn't be downed. As he was dragged miserably off the stage he made one last, desperate effort. "Sire, the queen has swooned," he shouted above the roars of the hilarious audience.

EFFECT OF INDIFFERENCE
(From the Atlanta Constitution)

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia university, in an address before a group of Indiana editors, charged the growing force of minority and bloc rule to indifference of voters. And he is entirely right.

The abdication of political power of the electors themselves has actually culminated in minority governments in States and communities, and even in a measure in the Nation as a whole.

When primaries and elections are determined as they too often are, by exceedingly light votes, due to the indifference to the election franchise of citizens generally, then government is no longer not only fails, but the fundamentals of democracy are undermined.

The Butler illustrated his point by showing that some members of the senate were elected by from 9 to 33 per cent of the potential votes of the States. This is minority government, for such counts become the Federal law-making representatives of a minority of those charged with the responsibility of selecting such representatives.

Not alone should citizens arouse themselves to their great responsibilities in so important a matter, but election laws and machinery in every State should be so changed that a majority and not a minority must rule.

Trousers Are Going Towards Armpits

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Taking a peek at trousers of the present era, one finds that not only are they wider and longer, permitting that graceful drape about the ankles, but that they are becoming very high-waisted. In fact, in the best tailoring shops in New York, trousers are well on their way to the armpits.

Then, too, one finds that trousers are being made with little pleats about the waist. The purpose of this innovation is to enable the trousers to fit snugly at the waist, yet retain the long, straight sweep from hip to foot which is the fashion in clothes of the better quality. This is particularly true of dress trousers, in which class of clothing the ample trouser has always been a feature of distinction.

The high waisted trousers have led to a new type of vest. The conventional pointed vest is now giving ground to a vest that is almost straight across the bottom. The double breasted vest, which is somewhat popular, is cut straight across, while in the single breasted vest the points have diminished about 75 per cent and are now round instead of triangular shaped. However, shopkeepers predict early doom for the double breasted dress waist coat. It has had a slight vogue with wearers of Tuxedos and has been responsible for the wearing of white vests with the Tux, but for full dress wear, it didn't "take." The biggest New York haberdasheries are not going to carry them next season.

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once in a while the waist of his trousers and the bottom of his vest part revealing an expanse of belt buckle and sometimes even his shirt, will welcome the high waisted trousers.

Belts have always been condemned by the medics as leading to stomach trouble, bad indigestion and poor figures. Of course, with the high waisted trousers, the suspender is the only thing. Suspenders always have been scoffed at and maligned but they are the best aid for keeping the trousers hanging straight. The suspender is now deservedly enjoying a day of affluence and they are blossoming out into color, too. It is amazing the numerous color combinations and patterns that you can find in a display of suspenders these days. The of "galla" is coming back with a "bang."

Dallas Is The Convention City

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 23.—"Dallas the convention city of the South-west."

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Twelve firms were awarded the contracts. Eleven of them were Texas concerns and the twelfth a Kentucky company.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 22.—Dr. W. H. Evans, imperial wizard of the Klan, is in Texas "to make the rounds," he said in an interview and not in connection with the suspension of V. A. Collins, local Klan official and gubernatorial candidate. "The Klan is not in politics except to fight against those who fight against the Klan," he said.

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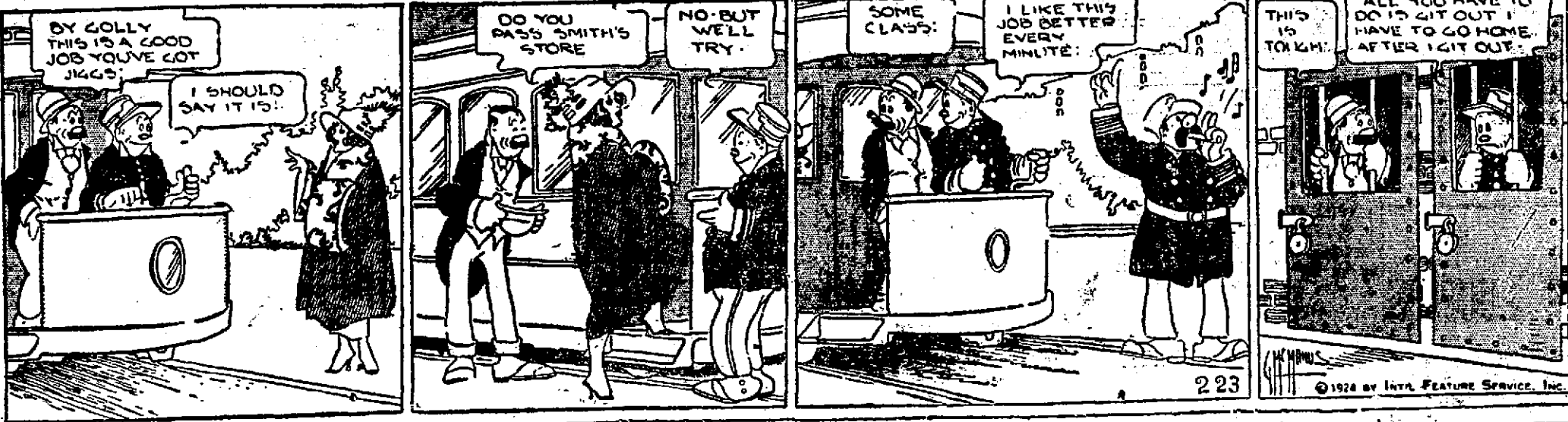
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NOTICE
We have sold the business known as The Bon Ton Bakery, to Propp Bros., they taking charge of same on 14th day of February, 1924. We will not be responsible for any debts or contracts entered into after above date. Bon Ton Bakery. 15-10 L. J. Reichman.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION STATE OF TEXAS.
City of Mexia, County of Limestone.
On this 11th day of February, 1924, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, convened pursuant to adjournment in the City Hall, E. Watson, Mayor, W. C. Wilson, Commissioner, and J. R. Forsen, Commissioner, being present, and among other business transacted, the following ordinance was passed:
AN ORDINANCE
An ordinance ordering a special election in the City of Mexia, Texas, on the 18th day of March, 1924, for the purpose of submitting the following question, to-wit: "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING FROM THE CITY OF MEXIA AT LARGE A CHARTER COMMISSION OF NOT LESS THAN 15 MEMBERS AND DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH SAID ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AND APPOINTING PRESIDING OFFICERS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."
WHEREAS, the City of Mexia,

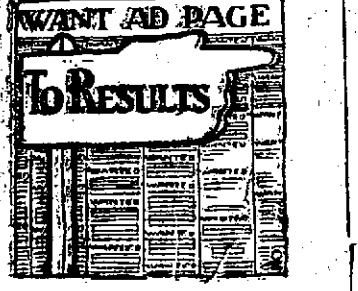
Texas, has more than 5,000 actual bona fide inhabitants, and whereas, since its incorporation the City has been operating under the General Statutes of Texas, and without a Charter, and whereas, it will be to the best interest and general welfare of said City to adopt a Charter, and thereby confer upon said city the full powers of local self-government, as contemplated and authorized by Article 11, Section 5, Constitution of Texas as amended in 1912, and all laws pursuant thereto, and
WHEREAS, on the 5th day of February, 1924, the following request was made to the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, for action:
"We, the undersigned resident citizens of the City of Mexia, Texas, hereby respectfully request the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners to submit to the voters of said city the question whether a commission shall be chosen to frame a charter for said city, said question to be submitted at the first opportunity time," signed by W. J. Keeling and 97 others, and
WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, by a unanimous vote of its members deems it advisable to order an election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the question "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER"; and for the purpose of electing 15 members from the City at large to compose such Charter Commission, and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election in and for the City of Mexia, cannot and will not be held until the 9th day of April, 1925 which will be more than 90 days after this ordinance shall have been passed, and it being, therefore, impracticable and impossible to hold the election herein provided for at the next regular municipal election, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas:
Section 1. That a special election be held Tuesday the 18th day of March 1924, in the City of Mexia, Texas, for the purpose of submitting the following question, to-wit: "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER."
Section 2. That at said election also, there shall be elected from amongst the qualified voters of said city at large 15 Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to frame, report and submit such Charter, in case of a majority of the qualified voters at said election shall vote in favor of the proposition, to choose a Commission to frame such Charter.
Section 3. That the following shall be the form of the ballot to be used in determining the questions provided for in the sections 1 and 2 hereof, at said election, to-wit: "FOR THE CHOOSING OF A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS."
"AGAINST THE CHOOSING OF

A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS.
Provided that if any person or persons shall desire to become a candidate or to nominate any person or persons for candidates for members of the said Commission they shall file such names with the City Secretary of the City of Mexia, Texas, not later than the 14th day of March 1924 at 5 o'clock; and the names so filed shall be printed on said ballot in the appropriate blanks, following the provision for an affirmative vote. And in such case, it shall be proper and sufficient for the voter, voting for said Commission to strike out the names of persons for whom he does not desire to vote, and, it shall be proper also for such voter to add to the list of names which may be on the said ballot the names of other persons for whom he desires to vote, and, in case no name shall be printed on said ballot, as herein provided for, the voter shall write thereon the names of those for whom he desires to vote for as members of such Commission. Provided further, that the failure of any voter to vote for as many as 15 separate persons for members of such Commission shall not invalidate his ballot.
Section 4. That the polling place for holding said election shall be the City Hall in the City of Mexia, Texas, and H. L. Hall shall be the presiding officer to hold said election.
Section 5. That said election shall be held under the provision of Chapter 147, Acts of the Legislature of the State of Texas of 1913, Regular Session; and all persons qualified to vote in said City, under the laws of this State, regulating general elections, shall be allowed to vote.
Section 6. That the manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas, regulating General Elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the law hereinabove referred to.
Section 7. That notice of said election shall be given by publishing this ordinance under the style: "NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION," in the Official Newspaper of said city, published in said city, for thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election, and shall serve as legal notice of same.
Section 8. The fact that the City of Mexia, Texas, is at the present time without a Charter, and that the public interest requires a Charter, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the rules requiring ordinances to be read upon more than one day, and for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance and such rules are hereby suspended, and it is ordained that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.
Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 1924.
E. WATSON, Mayor.
Attest:
R. D. Morgan, City Secretary.
(Feb. 12 to March 17 incl)

CANDIDATES Announcements 1924 ELECTIONS

LIMESTONE COUNTY
The following candidates for the offices named submit their names subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in Limestone county on the 25th day of July, 1924:
For Governor—FELIX G. ROBERTSON.
For District Judge, 77th Judicial District—C. H. MACHEN.
For Judge 87th Judicial District—J. ROSS BELL.
(Re-Election 2nd Term)
J. E. WOODS.
For District Clerk—ELLIS DICKERSON.
M. A. AINSWORTH.
For Representative Limestone County—W. P. ALEXANDER.
For County Judge—H. E. KIRBY (Re-election sought), JOHNSON WAKEFIELD.
B. W. MILES.
For County Clerk—J. L. DAY, (re-election).
For County Tax Assessor—TOM M. CAIN.
R. W. (BOB) STEEN.
A. A. HYDEN.
J. L. HIGGINBOTHAM.
For Tax Collector—W. A. ROBBINS, (re-election).
For County Treasurer—H. C. FITZGERALD.
For Sheriff—WHIT POPEJOY (re-election).
For Commissioner Precinct No. 4—JOHN M. KENNEDY, (re-election). LUTHER COX.
For County Treasurer—MRS. LULA OATES, (re-election).
County Attorney—SCOTT REED (re-election, second term.)



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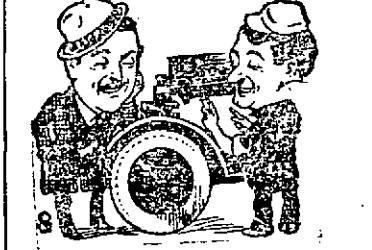
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MEXIA GUN CLUB TO HOLD FIRST ANNIVERSARY SHOOT FRIDAY MARCH TWENTY-FIRST

The Mexia Gun club will hold its first anniversary shoot Friday, March 21st, the club being one year old on that date. Quite a little interest is being manifested in the coming event and visiting shooters will be in attendance from Groesbeck, Teague, Wortham and other neighboring cities. Every effort will be put forth to show all visitors a good time and make this shoot one of the premier trap-shooting events of Central Texas. The club members are especially anxious to have all the home folks possible in attendance on that date, especially the ladies.

ELKS DANCE FRIDAY A COMPLETE SUCCESS

The George Washington Dance given at the Elks Club rooms last Friday evening from nine to one was a complete success and was attended by what is said to be the largest crowd which has ever attended a dance given by the club. The rooms were decorated in the patriotic colors of red, white

and blue, with American flags draped in conspicuous places. Music was furnished by the Elks Orchestra with Frank Werner at the piano and directing in the absence of Charlie Clover who was sick and unable to attend. All during the dance refreshments were served to the dancers.

WHITE GIRL TO KISS NEGRO ACTOR IN SHOW PLANNED TO OPEN IN NEW YORK SOON

By FRANK GETTY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Art stepped across the color line Friday and Mary Blair, white actress, consented to play the lead in Eugene O'Neill's forthcoming play opposite Paul Robson, full-blood negro.

Action of the piece calls for Miss Blair to kiss Robson, who is first her lover, then her husband as the drama of mixed marriage, "All God's Chillun Got Wings," unfolds.

A storm of criticism has been evoked by insistence of the producers, the Provincetown players upon casting the negro for the leading male part.

Several actresses refused to play opposite him, in view of the story which calls for the white girl heroine gradually losing her mind as she lives with her negro husband, until as the final curtain falls she abuses herself and kisses his hand.

Miss Blair consented, but refused to say what her feelings on the matter were. She is a Northern girl.

The management, commenting upon

the interest, protest and, in some quarters, indignation, which the casting of the play has produced, said:

"Paul Robson, the negro actor, is a man of histrionic ability and a fine gentleman. We expect to open the play at our theatre shortly after March 10."

The story of the play is laid in New York in the section known as the "black and tan belt." Eight children—four white and four black—play together and Jim, the negro boy, and Ella, the white girl, are childhood sweethearts. Later she takes up with a prize fighter, then elopes with the negro lover of her youth and they go abroad.

It is after they return to New York to the "black and tan" neighborhood where they live with Jim's mother and sister, that Ella gradually goes insane, brooding on the race problem. At the end, Jim, who has an inferiority complex, as they say in Greenwich Village, fails to pass his bar examinations. Ella is so happy that she falls to her knees, kissing her black husband's hand.

GUSHERS LOOK GOOD BEFORE "PLAY BALL" IS SHOUTED; OLD MEN ARE SIGNING UP

By HEK JR.

I dropped around to see Gray Forrest, Saturday morning and found John Sanders, Rex Forrest and himself discussing the possibilities of a championship team for the Gushers this season. They all gave me instructions to tell the followers of the great national pastime that the pitching ace of the Gushers, and one of the leading twirlers of the T. A. last year had just put his John Henry on the little dotted line of the contract. Friday. To make it more clear and not to keep you all guessing we might as well say that Clarence Tiner will be on the roster of the Gushers for this season. They say that it was very amusing to hear him relating his experience in the Pacific Coast League and he is just tickled to death to know that he will wear a Mexia uniform again this season. Quite a few of the last years men have sent in their signed contracts and will be back to help the Gushers win a pennant this season.

Among those who have signed are Lefty McCaw, Bob Crow, Spike Schieffer, Squibb Geppert, and Gustavus Leedy.

Mr. Forrest stated that Fawkes, the new manager, has sent in his signed contract and he also advises the directors of the club that he has signed for the Gushers a real man to hold down the initial sack, by the name of Joe Eaks. He states that Eaks should prove the best guardsman for initial bag in the entire league. Manager Fawkes also states that he has just about landed a real third sacker for the Gushers. It is beginning to look like Mexia will be in the running from the start.

Quite a number of rookies are under contract among whom is Otto Speaker, a cousin of the famous Silver Top Spoke.

There are several players who have not sent in their signed contracts but it is not believed that all of them are hold-outs.

Ludwick and Sanders, two of the Gushers pitching staff of last year, have not signed on the dotted line as yet. Carl Hill, stocky little right hander from Coolidge has not signed as yet either. Butler, Bryan and Bechtel, three hard hitting and excellent fielding guardians of the outer gardens are also on the list with Hill, Ludwick and Sanders.

The club directors are very anxious that all of the baseball fans be present at the meeting to be held Monday night at the Elks club at exactly 7:30 o'clock. Plans for the coming season will be discussed and the prospects for the Gushers will be given a thorough investigation.

France Adopts New Program

By WEBB MILLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
PARIS, Feb. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies, after an unprecedented session which lasted through the night, at 7 a. m. today adopted the Government financial program.

The vote was 354 to 218. The chamber voted on more than 100 articles during the night. Dawn found many dozing in their chairs and attendants had to awaken them at the roll call.

Despite exhaustion Premier Poincare kept his seat throughout the session and made a brief speech before the final vote.

There already are rumors of happy results from the work of the commission of experts examining Germany's capacity to pay reparations, the Premier said, adding, however, that France must be prepared to bear for certain time the effects of Germany's defaults.

The experts, Poincare believed, will end the possibility of defaults in the future.

"It is to cover that period of default, however, that I have asked the chamber to vote these new fiscal measures" (the Government financial program) Poincare said.

The program as adopted contains many important measures for bolstering French credit and defending the value of the franc, which slumped to nearly 25 to the dollar early this week. The last article of the project authorized issuance of seven billion francs in short term 1924 treasury bonds.

SCIENCE DEFEATING
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Once a year Uncle Sam posts the returns from the relentlessly waged battle between Science and Disease and Death.

To his legions of physicians he says:

"You are winning here," or "You are losing there." And in the sectors where the fight is going in their favor, they press it more vigorously, confident of their tactics. Where it is going against them, they take counsel and seek new methods of attack.

Uncle Sam, through his Census Bureau, has just published the returns for the year, 1922. Battle lines are being reformed accordingly.

Science and medicine, his figures show, are slowly winning against tuberculosis, the dread "white plague," which, for so many years, took the heaviest toll of all diseases; against diseases of early infancy, and those which permanently impair little children sometimes, such as scarlet fever, whooping cough, and diphtheria; against typhoid fever, puerperal septicemia, and in preventing death through certain accidental causes.

But, according to his returns, the battle is not going so well against other major diseases. The fight seems to be losing against diseases of the heart, influenza and pneumonia, nephritis and Bright's diseases, cancer, diabetes, syphilis and many forms of accidental death.

The death rate of the 37 states of the United States which comprise the death registration area of the nation, from which the Census Bureau's figures are drawn in 1922, was 11.8 per 100,000, a slight increase over the low rate of 11.6 established in the preceding year. Actual deaths numbered 1,101,863 in 1922 against 1,032,009 in 1921.

To a heavy increase in the death rate from influenza and pneumonia, which jumped 50 per cent in 1922 over 1921, the bureau attributes the entire increase in the national death rate in 1922.

Yet the figures for the nation as a whole are so encouraging as to cause medical officials of the government to regard the relatively poor showing against the major diseases, excluding tuberculosis, with equanimity.

Losses sustained against heart disease, nephritis and cancer, they say, are, in themselves, an indication of general progress in the battle. More people are living to the age at which they are liable to these diseases, they contend, and in great measures their increase indicates, not so much that the diseases are on the upgrade, but that science has prolonged many lives to years in which these diseases make progress. A quarter century ago the death rate was 30 per 100,000, now it is 11.8.

So the battle continues. In recent

years, the average life has been lengthened by it from 42 years to 53 years, according to the insurance companies who deal in death. Science will confine itself to further study of those recalcitrant ailments which now seem to take the crowning years of life, with the expectancy of raising the average human life well above the Biblical three score years and ten. The goal now set is 75 years. Uncle Sam will tabulate the progress toward it.

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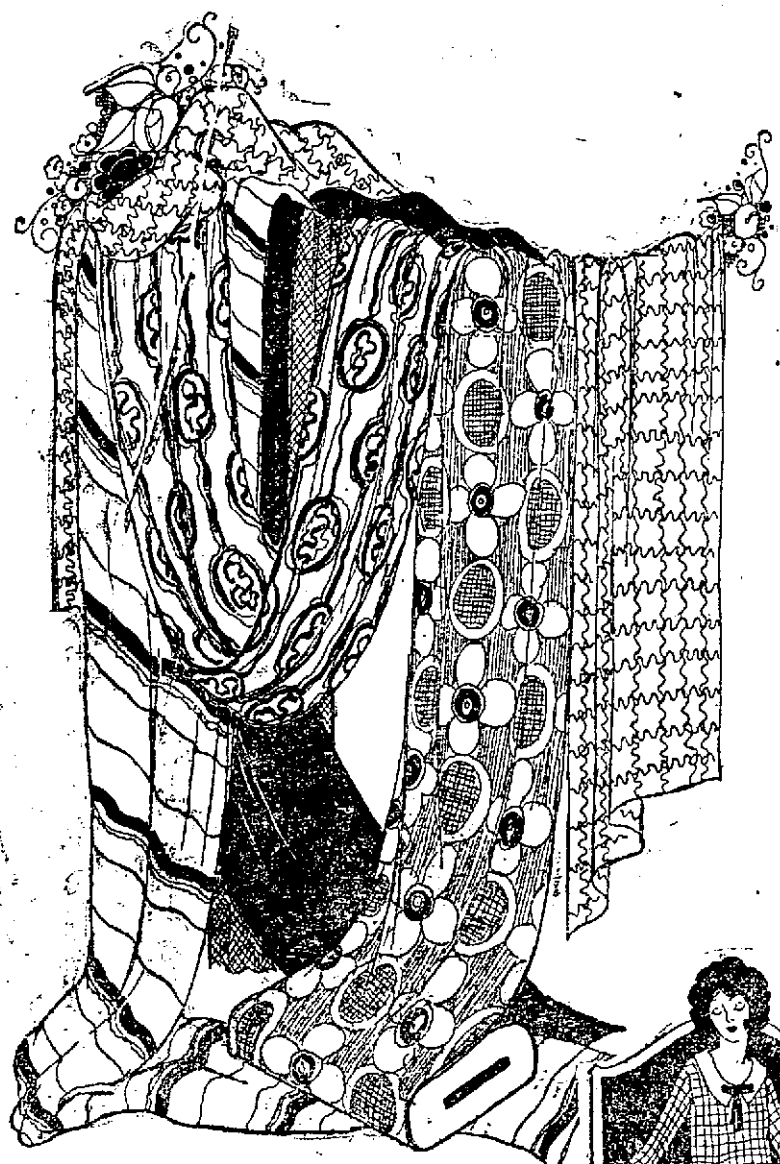
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